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The GEM would like to wish all our readers a happy St David's Day!

In Business Update

Cowbridge 10k up and running for 2018!

LAST October, there were record numbers of runners in the 'Cowbridge 10k' event and over £7,000 was raised for Cancer Research UK.

A total of 435 competitors came from all over south Wales and there was lots of praise for the course and for the organisation.

The Cowbridge 10k committee has just had a meeting and is starting to make preparations for this year's event.

Anne Birt told The GEM: "The date is Sunday, September 30, and, all being well, it will be based as usual at Cowbridge Rugby Club. The courses for the 5k and 10k remain the same as last year – hopefully there will be less mud this time around!

"We raised £7,200 in 2017 and with the support of the Cowbridge community and those taking part, we would love to achieve even more this year."

As well as the charity runs, there will be entertainment on the day and the popular goody bags.

If people would like to help the event, Anne can be reached on 07976 646 375.

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COWBRIDGE CUBS PROVIDE TENDER CARE TO FIRE ENGINES

The Cowbridge Cubs enjoyed their visit to Cowbridge fire station recently.

Inspecting the inside of a fire engine was quite a thrill!

THE Cubs went for a visit to Cowbridge fire station last month.

We had different groups inspect the fire engine and the small fire engine, and also had one group check out the hazards in the kitchen and the mess room, before swapping their inspection duties.

Lots of things to look at, there were lots of questions by the Cubs and also by the firefighters. Each group had a chance of doing everything.

We had one Cub who didn't like loud noises, so he had a chance to put the siren on himself which he loved. All the Cubs had a go with the fire hose which they really enjoyed, though we are not sure how wet Firefighter Dean was...

The Cubs came away with a booklet and knowing more about the fire station and how it works. We are looking forward to South Wales Fire and Rescue Service coming to visit us in the Scout hut in the next few weeks.

This week the Cubs are having South Wales Police come to talk to them, and in the next few weeks we are having a staffer from The GEM to come and talk to us about how The GEM works, with a reciprocal visit to be planned.

This weekend, we have a day at Atlantic College: it is called Atlantic Adventure Day; this is a district event and there will be over 400 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from all over the Vale. It is going to be an amazing day for all.

We are looking forward to the next few weeks with lots of exciting things to come, and want to say a big thank you to Cowbridge fire station. Hope they liked their badges and chocolate biscuits!

CHRISTINE MALLETT

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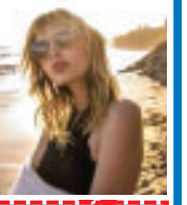

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'Incineration, recycling and re-using'

Here, Keith Stockdale, Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth coordinator, addresses two of the key environmental issues under scrutiny in the Vale, recycling and the incinerator.

'IN 2004, Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth were informed by senior directors of the Vale's Council, that recycling was the priority and that a recycling/re-using 'village' would be constructed on the Bendricks Estate.

'We were told that our plastic, cardboard, metal and paper would be sorted for re-use in the 'village' facility and/or sold on as valuable, clean waste material, bringing money back to the council.

'In 2018, we have a huge incinerator in the middle of the docks and a small recycling facility at the Bendricks, while our recycled waste is co-mingled, contaminated and largely useless except for landfill or incineration.

'That is one reason the Chinese have for refusing any more of our plastic and other waste flows. There has been no progress. Fine words and documents are no answer to climate change.

'At the last minute it seems that Hannah Blythyn AM may be leading our Assembly to demand an assessment of the possible impact of the incinerator on our environment, while the monstrous machine is preparing to begin operations!

In addition, huge piles of wood chips (which appear to exceed safety limits and invite a fire) have been placed on the dockside.

'Barry&Vale FoE will continue to assist the Docks Incinerator Action Group in their efforts to stop the commissioning of the incinerator.

'On a positive note, it was good to see the Vale Council will begin to separate our waste in September. FoE have argued for this with the council for many years and would urge the public to support this scheme by cleaning and storing recyclable waste, thus bringing money back to the Vale, to improve our facilities.

'Huge amounts of green energy could be provided by tidal lagoons and we will be asking Alun Cairns, the Secretary of State for Wales, to push this with Westminster.

'We will continue to ask the questions.

'The next meeting of Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth will be in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, March 6, and all are welcome.'

Thanks from the Vale Homework Support Club

THE Vale Parent and Child Homework Support Club would like to say a massive thank to Lovells for all their help in painting the Rhoose Community hall.

The club worked with over 200 children across five clubs from the community hall and it now looks very new and clean for all the children to enjoy – and the other community groups that use the facilities.

Lovells have been supporting the club for the six months, including the awards night and a large fundraising event last summer that raised over £3,000.

We have been delighted to have so much support from Lovells, and we cannot put into words how grateful we are.

Cath Watkins (club spokesman).

'Don't stop fighting against incinerator'

I AGREE wholeheartedly with Paul Robertson's letter to The GEM last week.

This plant has not yet received planning permission for the water tank which is essential to comply with Health and Safety regulations.

In spite of this, it has been given a licence to operate by NRW!

In fact, this water tank has already been constructed, although planning application for it does not go in front of the Vale Planning department until April. Strangely, this tank did not feature in the original plans submitted. Why not?

They have done nothing to instil confidence in their plant and in the meantime, have subjected the community close by to night-time light and noise pollution.

If Biomass has so little respect for regulations, and for the health and wellbeing of the residents of Barry, then how can we place any trust in their operating this incinerator safely and ethically? I don't believe we can.

There are now several groups campaigning against this plant and I urge residents of Barry to ally themselves to one of these: DIAG (Docks Incinerator Action Group), Art Against the Barry Incinerator, Musicians Against The Incinerator. They are all on Facebook.

Pat Temple-Murray, Barry

GET IT IN GLASS

WELL done to Rachael and Ryan of Dinas Powys Village Stores, for introducing bottled milk.

A small but significant step towards reducing plastic waste.

H&S Lewis, Dinas Powys.

Recycling practicalities

IT is with concern that I read your article about the Vale Council's proposal to introduce the separation of recycled materials for collection.

Although I am not against the idea, and was appalled to read that they make no revenue from the current system, I am interested to know how they propose to implement the system for blocks of flats.

I live in a block of four flats, am on the first floor, with no area to store separate bins or boxes.

At the moment I have two swing bins in my kitchen: one for black bag waste and one for recycling; I also have a kitchen waste bin. I really have no space for the extra bins that would be needed.

I do hope that they will take into consideration people living in flats, with little or no outside areas for the necessary bins for the new system, and come up with a solution, like maybe a communal area where we can place our recycling for collection.

Lesley Young, Llantwit Major.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 8)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
01 Thur	05.53	9.9	18.22	10.0
02 Fri	06.42	10.3	19.07	10.5
03 Sat	07.25	10.6	19.47	10.5
04 Sun	08.08	10.4	20.26	10.3
05 Mon	08.43	10.2	20.59	10.0
06 Tues	09.19	9.7	21.36	9.5
07 Wed	09.54	9.3	22.12	8.9
08 Thur	10.32	8.7	22.49	8.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Will you join the 'Food Assembly?'

SIGN UP. Sign up. Cowbridge Food Assembly opening soon – come and join the delicious revolution for proper local food.

Would you like to buy locally-sourced food, that is fresh and with zero waste? Well the Cowbridge Food Assembly could be for you.

The award winning 'click & collect' online Farmers Market is exclusively for local food where customers buy on a single website directly from local farmers, growers and food producers.

Then Thursday evening, call in at Cowbridge Comprehensive School between 5.30pm and 7.30pm to meet the producers and collect your shopping.

Its 100 per cent local. There are already more than a dozen producers signed up to supply the assembly with others joining all the time.

All the food and products come from within 30 miles, so food miles are minimal compared to supermarkets, where food comes from all over the world and travels up and down the country before reaching you.

It's fresh with zero waste. Our food is mostly harvested on the day or the day before collection, and is harvested or produced to order, so not a salad leaf is wasted. Compare that to the thousands of tons of old vegetables and other out-of-date food thrown away every day from supermarkets. Minimal packaging and low food miles on every product.

It's fair to the producers. Producers sell direct to you and as a result retain well over 80 per cent of the price you pay, therefore it promotes the local economy and creates jobs. Since all the producers are local, the money you pay stays right here.

Every week, the online market will open on Friday morning and will remain open for you to shop whenever you wish until midnight on Tuesday, when the market will close to allow the producers time to harvest/make their products.

Joining the Assembly is free, just go to www.thefoodassembly.com and join the Cowbridge Assembly, there is even an app (the Food Assembly) you can download onto your smart phone so you can shop on the go.

The Cowbridge Assembly it is currently still under construction, but you can see the great range of products already available with sourdough bread, eggs and veg all available soon. We aim to be open on March 16 with the first collection taking place on Thursday, March 22.

The Food Assembly is the ideal combination of the convenience of the supermarket and the sustainability of buying direct from farms and producers.

www.thefoodassembly.com

Myfanwy Edwards (Assembly host)

MAYOR'S FEBRUARY REPORT

by COUN SIAN VAUGHN, THE MAYOR OF COWBRIDGE WITH LLANBLETHIAN

IT is hard to believe that at the end of February I will have completed three-quarters of my year in office.

On February 12 I attended a site visit at Cowbridge Athletic Club to view plans to improve their boundary along the A48 bypass.

The plan is to remove the large conifers and the old metal screen and plant a hornbeam hedge amongst other trees and plants; the club will be looking for grant aid to realise this project.

Cowbridge School invited me and my consort Rob to their musical production of *Guys and Dolls* on February 15 at the school.

The performances of all involved were truly incredible and there was a 34-piece school band playing all the music. The make-up and costumes all added to the overall spectacle. Well done to all involved for putting on such an entertaining professional show.

Finally, on February 22, Rob and I attended a reception in The Yard to celebrate Vale Life magazine moving offices to Britannia House in Cowbridge. The event was attended by local businesses and hosted by Nigel Richards and Jennifer Hobbs-Roberts from Vale Life.

Those present enjoyed The Yard's freshly baked pizzas, drinks, live music and a raffle.

Let's hope that the current Siberian chill does not last too long into March when we will be attending a large variety of events.

I am hosting two charity events in March for Cancer Research Wales, my monthly coffee morning on Saturday, March 3 in the Mayor's Parlour from 10.30am – 12pm and a Cheese and Wine evening on Saturday, March 24 from 7pm – 10pm in the Lesser Town Hall, £10 per ticket available from the Town Hall on 01446 773385.

Cowbridge's wine master pops the cork for Tenovus

From left: Meryl Merritt, Anne Griffiths Jones, Cowbridge Friends of Tenovus Cancer Care, and Richard Ballantyne, Master of Wine.

JOIN the Cowbridge Friends of Tenovus Cancer Care group for an evening of Italian wine tasting hosted by Master of Wine Richard Ballantyne, at The Noble Grape on Thursday, March 22 to raise funds for a leading cancer charity.

Richard is one of only 329 Masters of Wine in the UK and he recently opened his own wine shop on the High Street.

Richard said: "Italian wine is my passion and my mum was a big supporter of Tenovus Cancer Care, so when the Friends asked me to host an evening I was only too glad to help.

"I will give a short talk on up and coming Italian wines, advising on wine to complement certain food, and will be on hand to offer advice if anyone would like to buy."

Meryl Merritt, Cowbridge Friends of Tenovus Cancer Care said: "We thought our fantastic town would want to help raise funds to support Tenovus Cancer Care research and help keep the charity's services running. It's also a great opportunity to learn more about the charity and have fun with a new Friends group."

Tenovus Cancer Care brings treatment, emotional support and practical advice to where it matters most; the heart of the community. Thanks to groups like Cowbridge's, based across Wales, the charity can continue to help and support those affected by cancer when they need it most.

"We plan to hold a few events throughout the year to support the charity. We will be organising bus trips to Bicester and Aberglasney Gardens in the summer and hopefully we will hold a Lovelight Concert, to remember those we have lost to cancer in Cowbridge during the Christmas period," said Gail Foley from Cowbridge Friends of Tenovus Cancer Care.

Annie Griffiths Jones is a member of Cowbridge Friends and volunteers in the charity's local shop; she added: "People are very generous in their support of the shop, both in donating goods and buying.

"The Cowbridge shop is one of the top performing Tenovus Cancer Care shops in Wales and England, and we are proud of the prime position we hold in the town, and in people's hearts."

Tickets for the evening cost £10, which includes Italian nibbles, and are available from Cowbridge Tenovus Cancer Care shop or from Richard at The Noble Grape in Cowbridge. But hurry – they are limited and likely to sell out.

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New exhibition forms 'A Permanent Presence'

A NEW exhibition in Cowbridge Community College Old Hall captures the mysticism and magnificence of the ancient Neolithic cromlechs (burial chambers more commonly known as dolmens) built by in the county of Pembrokeshire.

Susan Edwards has spent several years visiting a large number of ancient burial grounds, cromlechs and standing stones scattered across Pembrokeshire and recording them in her sketches and paintings.

Using a range of media, Susan brings together her collagraphs, paintings and etchings for her exhibition, 'A Permanent Presence', in Old Hall from March 6 to April 25.

"The untamed Pembrokeshire landscape provides a dramatic backdrop for these mystical Neolithic and Bronze Age monuments. No-one really knows who was buried in the chambers or why, and it is fascinating to imagine these people living their lives in this rugged landscape, starting to farm, build communities and creating such impressive structures."

"Some of the cromlechs I have painted are well known, such as Pentre Ifan and Carreg Samson; others, almost forgotten, are tucked away in remote sites that are difficult to reach and some have since been severely damaged.

"My husband and I have enjoyed combing the countryside for remnants of the past and I have tried to recreate them in my work. There are more for me to do. We have been helped in our explorations by three books. 'The Architecture Of Death' by George Nash, 'Neolithic Sites of Cardiganshire, Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire' by George Nash and George Children and 'The Chambered Tombs of South West Wales' by Christopher Thompson Barker."

Having studied Fine Art at the University of Wales Institute Cardiff (UWIC), Susan has focused on painting and printmaking, teaching in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan as well as creating her own work. Previous exhibitions include those with the Vale of Glamorgan Artists and with Cardiff Print Workshop across south Wales, Belgium, France and Germany.

Susan Edwards

'Leadership scheme' seeks young people

THE Rotary Youth Leadership Award scheme (RYLA) is one of the wide range of youth activities supported by Rotary clubs and is designed to offer young people the opportunity to take part in a challenging week in the Brecon Beacons.

The one-week residential course, which is based at the Storey Arms Outdoor Education Centre, concentrates on the development of leadership skills.

A range of outdoor activities are pursued which are designed to help students develop their team-working skills, practice leadership and improve self-confidence.

Three separate six-day courses, each with 30 – 40 young people attending, are run in the first half of the summer holidays.

The students do not pay to attend the course, the costs being met by the sponsoring Rotary club. To participate you must be 16 or 17 years old at the time of your course.

If you want to improve your leadership ability, your interpersonal skills and your self-confidence – and, of course, have fun by trying out new and challenging activities then RYLA could be for you. Cowbridge Rotary could sponsor a week for you.

For more information contact Cowbridge Rotary at: mikeraina@btinternet.com.

Wholly cheeses! Penllyn WI meets fromage expert Eirwen

MANY thanks to Ms Eirwen Richards for her informative talk on 'Cheese and the making and marketing of it', especially Welsh cheese.

Eirwen travelled the world in her career and was awarded the Companion of Honour by France – truly a great ambassador for Wales.

The annual meeting followed and Helena Davies is chairperson, Ann Clemett treasurer, Kath Maddock tea hostess and Ray Evans press officer.

The outgoing chairperson, Kay Gay, thanked everyone for their support and £500 is to be donated to the Welsh Heart Foundation. Nicola Gibson won the raffle.

The next meeting in Penllyn Village Hall is on March 20 at 7.30pm with a talk on the Wildlife Trust by Rose Revera. All are welcome.

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Helen named 'Welsh Florist of the Year'

Helen Huggins was thrilled to be given the evening's premier award.

HELEN Huggins of Beautiful Lily Florist, High Street, Barry, was named 'Welsh Florist of the Year' at the Welsh Wedding Awards 2018.

The announcement was made on February 19 at Cardiff's The Exhange venue, which hosted the inaugural Welsh Wedding Awards.

Helen told The GEM: "I was delighted to win awards for best florist in my region (South East) and The Welsh Florist of the Year.

"Thank you to all who nominated me. It came as a huge surprise.

"I am truly overwhelmed by all the lovely messages and cards."

Helen puts her success down to a lot of hard work and loving her job – she's even decided to hold a competition to celebrate her involvement with the Welsh Wedding Awards.

"I am giving away a bridal bouquet worth £90. To be in with a chance to win, people should email beautifullilyflorist@outlook.com and send over their details – name, date of the wedding, and colour theme, and quote: LILY18."

The winner will be drawn on Saturday, March 31. For more information, go to: www.beautifullily.vpweb.co.uk; and on Facebook go to Beautiful Lily Flowers by Helen.

Tracy hoping to power her way to medal success!

LLANTWIT MAJOR powerlifter Tracy O'Callaghan has been chosen to represent Great Britain in the European Masters Championship in Helsingborg, Sweden, and competes on March 7 with family and friends all behind her.

Following a tough qualifying competition last December, which saw her blitz a strong and experienced field in Horncastle, Lincolnshire, Tracy has been asked to represent Great Britain this March, and also compete in Canada this coming June where she will compete in the World Masters Championships in Calgary.

This isn't the first time Canada beckons though, after being part of a Welsh team that travelled to Vancouver for the Commonwealth Championships back in December 2015, where she picked up three bronze medals and a silver.

The focus right now is on Sweden, and comes after some real hard work and preparation over the past year. With help from the Welsh Powerlifting Association, she has had the benefit of personal coach Ryan Griffiths, who has been getting her into medal contention for this coming competition.

Support has always been there from day one though, when this journey began back in 2013, from the team and members of Force Strength and Conditioning, Llandow.

Chris Jones, co-owner and trainer, is delighted for Tracy: "We are really proud of Tracy and everything she has achieved. All the hard work and dedication has paid off.

"We are sure she has the potential for even greater success. Her training and competition has not only impressed but inspired everyone at Force."

All family and friends wish her well for Sweden and can't wait to see her medals when she returns!

Pick up a pinta... *AND SPARE THE ENVIRONMENT*

HOPKINS BUTCHERS at High Street, Barry, are now offering milk from Jones Dairies in glass bottles as part of the town's push to reduce the use of plastic.

Tony Hopkins says picking up your milk in a glass bottle makes environmental sense and helps the local economy.

The GEM reported recently on how Chris and Gareth Jones of Jones Dairies had seen a surge in people wanting milk in reusable glass bottles, following reports of the damaging impact plastic has had on oceans – not least to wildlife.

Sir David Attenborough's recent speech at the National TV Awards was devoted to the topic.

Tony Hopkins of Hopkins Butchers said: "We've teamed up with Jones Dairies and now have milk available in glass bottles.

"It is a case of local businesses supporting other local businesses."

Tony said the initiative was proving successful, and stressed that glass bottles can be used up to 30 times before they are recycled.

He is now supplying whole, semi-skimmed and skimmed milk, and urged people to #ShopLocal.

Barry town councillors have expressed a desire to see the town as plastic free as possible.

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'Breastfriends' get together

THE Barry group of Breastfriends recently enjoyed some wonderful relaxing reflexology at their monthly get-together.

Two qualified reflexologists provided free taster sessions after explaining how the complementary therapy helps the body to relax, rest and repair.

Breastfriends is a peer support group for women (or men) who have experienced breast cancer. It's a very friendly and supportive group which has been running for several years. It's a drop in group – no need to join.

Details of the monthly meeting and weekly walks are available on the website www.breastfriendscandv.org.uk

Mother's Day walk will remember loved ones and raise cancer awareness

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ONE hundred and twenty people have signed up to take part in an event on Mother's Day (March 11) to raise awareness of ovarian cancer and to remember loved ones who have died from cancer.

Funds raised on the day will go to Ovarian Cancer Action.

The walk from Barry Cemetery to Barry Island and back has been organised by Alison Woolcock.

Alison and her sister Lesley Woolcock, who was also known as Lesley Brown, campaigned for a screening programme for ovarian cancer.

Lesley, a grandmother of three, died on May 17, 2016, from ovarian cancer but she is fondly remembered by many people in the Vale.

The name of the event is #walkinhername and Alison has set up a Facebook page.

She explained: "The walk will begin at 12 noon at Cemetery Road. We will walk over to Lesley's bench on Barry Island and enjoy a break there before walking back.

"On our return, the town council will have Merthyr Dyfan Chapel open so people can light candles for loved ones.

"We will then head over to the Tynewydd Inn so people can socialise.

"We want to thank Stuart at the Tynewydd Inn for donating helium canisters so we can blow up balloons when we #walkinhername.

"There will be a personalised red heart balloon for everyone who has been featured on #walkinhername as well as Ovarian Cancer Action balloons."

Alison says Lesley loved nothing more than being with people and she would have fully approved of the community-minded event.

She says she wants to get across the vital message on ovarian cancer that "early detection is the key to saving lives" – and that if a woman has an unusual symptom they should get it checked out.

The most common symptoms of ovarian cancer are: feeling constantly bloated; a swollen tummy; discomfort in your tummy or pelvic area; feeling full quickly when eating, or loss of appetite; needing to urinate more often or more urgently than normal. Other symptoms include indigestion or nausea, pain during sex, a change in bowel habits, back pain, vaginal bleeding, tiredness and unintentional weight loss.

Alison Woolcock (right) with her sister Lesley.

At #walkinhername on Facebook, Alison recounts the stories of people who will be honoured during the walk.

To make a direct donation to Ovarian Cancer Action, go to: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alison-woolcock

Penllyn Bridge Club

LATEST results from Penllyn Bridge Club are as follows:

Thursday, January 4 – 17 pairs: 1st Judith and Colin Nunn 65 per cent; 2nd Eric and Anne Sparks 64.29 per cent; 3rd Helen and Mike Ruttley 62.34 per cent.

Thursday, January 11 – 19 pairs: 1st Judith and Colin Nunn 61.88 per cent; 2nd Myrtle Hansard and Diana Lewis 57.81 per cent; 3rd John Lord and Jo Ilsley 57.39 per cent.

Thursday, January 18 – 21 pairs: 1st Marian East and Barbara Easterbrook 63.44 per cent; 2nd Judith and Colin Nunn 59.38 per cent; 3rd John Hunter and Cath Mathias 59.06 per cent.

Thursday, January 25 – 19 pairs: Robert Brown Cup Competition: 1st Wayne Stephens and Mary Wallis 60.23 per cent; 2nd Marian East and Barbara Easterbrook 57.81 per cent; 3rd Phil and Lou Edwards 56.25 per cent.

Thursday, February 1 – 14 pair: 1st Julia Evans and Chris Impey 61.36 per cent; 2nd Marian East and Barbara Easterbrook 60.61 per cent; Joint 3rd Ann Richards and Sally Casey and Allan Evans and Keith Price 53.79 per cent.

Thursday, February 8 – 19 pairs: 1st John Lord and Jo Ilsley 70.83 per cent; 2nd David and Marion Stephenson 58.44 per cent; 3rd Ann Richards and Sally Casey 58.33 per cent.

Thursday, February 15 – 16 pairs: 1st Judith and Colin Nunn 61.69 per cent; 2nd Helen and Mike Ruttley 61.04 per cent; 3rd Allan Evans and Keith Price 58.44 per cent.

Thursday, February 22 – 17 pairs: Robert Brown Cup Competition: 1st Judith and Colin Nunn 64.29 per cent; 2nd Allan Evans and Keith Price 63.21 per cent; 3rd Diana Lewis and Myrtle Hansard 59.29 per cent.

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'Aussie flu can be a killer' WARNS LOCAL MAN

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A BARRY man has told The GEM that a two-week bout of Australian flu was one of the worst experiences of his life.

Mark Hooper (57) who works as a contractor at Port Talbot Steel Works and has prided himself on his fitness over the years, said he was concerned that people should realise that it is a life-threatening condition.

He explained: "What I suffered would have killed a pensioner. My ribs and bones were aching and my body was so weak. It was as if I'd gone 10 rounds with Mike Tyson.

"People should realise that Australian flu isn't normal flu."

Mark said that if pensioners experienced extreme symptoms they should seek medical advice. "I'm 14 stones and a fit guy, but one day I started shivering and the next day I was sweating.

"I was in bed for nine days and didn't get any sleep. Every day was a challenge."

He felt so ill at one stage that he thought he might die. Mark drank lots of water and green teas with honey. He knew it was important to keep eating, even though he'd lost his appetite, and ate simple foods like boiled eggs and ham.

He pointed out that many pensioners enjoy travelling and should be aware that they might pick up a bug on a trip.

The NHS says flu symptoms include sudden fever, aching body, feeling exhausted, a chesty cough, sore throat, headache, difficulty sleeping, loss of appetite, diarrhoea or stomach pain, and nausea.

The advice is to rest and sleep, keep warm, if necessary take paracetamol or ibuprofen to lower your temperature, and to treat aches and discomfort, and to drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration.

Last week, after a two-week struggle, Mark was back on his feet and rates himself "85 per cent better" and on the road to recovery.

AM congratulates local 'rural Oscar' businesses

TWO businesses in the Vale have been shortlisted as finalists in the Countryside Alliance Wales Awards 2018.

The winners of awards – nicknamed the 'Rural Oscars' – will be announced at an event at the Senedd on Wednesday, March 7.

Cowbridge butcher IG Nicholas – a family business run by James and Jane Nicholas – has been nominated in the best rural butcher category.

The Hare and Hounds, Aberthin – which was recently awarded the Bib Gourmand in the Michelin Guide – is hoping to claim the prize for best rural pub.

It is run by general manager Alex Howells and head chef Tom Watts-Jones – who returned to the Vale to take over the pub after working in several top London restaurants.

Ahead of the event South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies visited both businesses and wished them the best of luck in the competition.

Mr Davies said: "The Countryside Alliance Awards recognise the very best rural businesses in Wales, and it is great news that the Hare and Hounds and IG Nicholas have been nominated.

"They are known as the Rural Oscars for a reason – which shows just how well they have done to be shortlisted in their respective categories.

"IG Nicholas has been a family business in Cowbridge for many decades, and James and Jane do a fantastic job selling top local produce.

"Meanwhile, the number of awards the Hare and Hounds has already won shows Alex and Tom are going from strength to strength – and here's hoping they can add another to the collection!

"I'd like to wish everyone at both businesses all the very best ahead of the final on March 7."

Andrew RT Davies behind the bar at the Hare and Hounds with Tom Watts-Jones and Alex Howells.

Andrew RT Davies with James and Jane Nicholas at IG Nicholas butchers in Cowbridge.

Sophie's solo at London's 'Mountbatten Festival'

Local musician Sophie Perriam will perform at the Royal Albert Hall in March.

A ROYAL Marines musician from Bridgend is preparing to play solo before an audience of thousands at this year's Mountbatten Festival of Music.

Musician Sophie Perriam will be among the Massed Bands of Her Majesty's Royal Marines for three performances at the Royal Albert Hall on Friday and Saturday March 9 and 10.

Sophie has been chosen to give solo performances during the festival and will play 'Pequena Czardas' on the saxophone.

The 30-year-old started playing the clarinet when she joined the Band Service four years ago, but welcomes the opportunity to return to the saxophone.

She said: "I played my piece at one of our smaller concerts and a couple of the seniors in the band put it forward to be played at the Albert Hall.

"It's going to be fantastic. I'm not nervous yet, but that's because I've got about 10 other things on my list to do at the moment, but I will be.

"It's good to have a bit of nerves, but I trust that the practice I'm doing is the right practice, so when it comes to the gig I'll be alright."

Sophie is currently a member of the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Plymouth and has played all over the world.

She said: "My piece is about seven minutes long, so there's a lot to remember.

"I'm also doing a Masters degree at the moment too, so there's a bit of juggling to do."

The Mountbatten Festival of Music is the Royal Marines Band Service biggest concert of the year.

The Royal Marines will showcase a wide range of musical styles including big screen scores, solos, and traditional marches and overtures.

From South Wales to New South Wales for rugby player Lynsey

by TIM CHAPMAN

A WOMAN who lives in Barry has been selected to play for England in the first ever World Deaf Rugby 7s tournament being held in Sydney, Australia.

Lynsey Phillips.

Lynsey Phillips, a mother of two who works as an early years practitioner, moved to Wales during the 1999 World Cup.

She explained: "I grew up in Bexhill in east Sussex, and had issues with my hearing from when I was young. I had my first hearing aid at the age of 15.

"You do not have to be profoundly deaf to play deaf rugby; there is a range of levels of hearing loss among players."

Lynsey (42) started playing rugby at the University of Surrey more than 20 years ago. She now plays for Barry Ladies RFC.

"I also now play for England Deaf Ladies' team. The first game that I played with them was at Cardiff Arms Park in January 2015 against Penallta.

"So far this season we have played Devon Ladies and Portsmouth Valkyries, and on March 24 we are due to play Preston."

That is just before Lynsey is due to fly out to Australia to compete for England in the first World Deaf Rugby 7s.

Wales doesn't have a deaf ladies first fifteen or sevens squad – if they had, Lynsey says she could have been representing Wales!

Her nan Audrey, who lives in Eastbourne, has just turned 100. Audrey's brother Frank, who passed away recently, lived in Australia for 50 years and Lynsey hopes to meet up with his children during the 7s trip.

The England Deaf Rugby Union is a charity and each player has to self-fund travel costs and accommodation.

If people would like to help Lynsey they should go to: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lynsey-englanddeaf-Australia.

She added: "I am also holding a quiz night on Thursday, March 15 at Barry Rugby Club at 7.30pm. It is £7 a person, with a maximum of six people per team with a cash prize for the winners. People can contact me on 07903 821 063 for details and to register a team."

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Bridgend Youth Theatre gives a terrific lesson in story-telling with Carousel REVIEW BY PHILIP IRWIN

Carrie (Phoebe-Ann Lewis) and Jigger (Rob Davis).

James Evans-Jones.

The cast on stage for their encore.

One of the dance routines.

THEY know how to tell a story at the Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT), and this was emphasised last week at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, when they presented *Carousel,* the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, on Friday and Saturday (February 23/24).

It's a difficult tale to tell, because the 1950s Hollywood musical has been shown many times, and it presented a fairly sugary version of what is a tale with a dark undercurrent.

The story was set up beautifully in the opening sequence, 'The Carousel Waltz'. As characters appear on stage we see a young woman spinning – as if on the carousel, and we see a handsome young man make his move on her.

It's our introduction to the young mill worker Julie Jordan (played by Lucy Vinen) and the charismatic fairground barker, Billy Bigelow (James Evans-Jones).

The stage clears and we are left with two characters on stage: Julie and her best friend Carrie Pipperidge (Phoebe-Ann Lewis). They may be best friends but the song, 'You're a Queer One, Julie Jordan' establishes that they are very different.

Julie is hankering after something that she can't articulate – love and excitement we think, because that is what Billy Bigelow represents. Carrie expands on her ambitions in life, and they are much more conventional – security and safety – in her song 'When I Marry Mister Snow'.

Mister Snow is a hard-working and ambitious fisherman, and Carrie is happy with what he offers. It may not be exciting, and she confides that he smells of fish after a long day's work, but she knows what she wants – in contrast to Julie.

While they are talking and singing, other characters appear. We learn from locals that Billy Bigelow is regarded with suspicion in a town where the people are mill workers, whalers or fishermen. He comes from New York – Coney Island in fact – and while local girls flock to him, he is short of real friends.

We learn from the mill owner that Julie and Carrie need to get home to their boarding house before the evening 'curfew' and failure to do so could result in being dismissed. The reckless Julie decides to stay.

We meet Mrs Mullins, the owner of the carousel, who has a bad feeling about Billy and Julie. She and Billy argue, it all escalates, and he threatens her with his fist. It's the first time we see a flash of violence from Billy. He can't handle women who disagree with him. She says he is sacked if he defies her and pursues Julie, but Billy is stubborn.

So now Billy and Julie are both out of work but they only have eyes for each other. They talk around the subject of love for a while in the song 'If I loved You' until they fall into each other's arms.

This all takes place over three songs and perhaps 20 minutes. It's an example of story telling at its best, and it is certainly helped by having three principals who are all just about perfectly cast.

Phoebe-Ann Lewis is a delight as Carrie. She is all sweetness and light and her voice just soars out over the audience, making the most of songs which are so tuneful. It will be interesting to see her in other roles, but she was perfect for this.

Lucy Vinen also has a beautiful voice, which she uses well in 'If I loved You' and later in 'What's the Use of Wondering', but her character acting captures the sense that Julie is different from her peers. That quality is what attracts Billy to her, and she does it very well.

Finally, James Evans-Jones as Billy rises to the challenge of the role. Last year in BYT's *West Side Story* he did really well as the doomed romantic hero Tony – but Billy is a whole lot darker. It is to James' credit that he does the groundwork for this role in that first 20 minutes.

He gets the swagger that a young man who is a hit with the girls can develop, but that is pretty much his only source of self esteem. He can't think things through and in his frustration, he resorts to violence.

It was this aspect of Billy that 1950s Hollywood sugar coated, but in this day and age that's not an option. James does an excellent job of conveying that lack of self control, tied to immediate contrition, that is Billy's hallmark.

By the time Billy and Julie have sung 'If I loved You' we know James has a superb voice, but the big challenge is 'Soliloquys' - an eight-minute marathon that comes when Julie reveals they are expecting a child.

It's full of light and shade as Billy is in turn proud, confident, scared, reflective and finally, in a big finish, determined to be a good father. That big finish offers a great chance for a good singer to shine, and he grabbed it with both hands, getting a prolonged ovation on the night I saw the show.

Whenever I review a BYT show, I start to get guilty at all the young actors on stage who also deserve praise. The lead roles take the limelight but there is so much more.

Yet another great voice belongs to Mali Thomas, who plays Nettie. She does, of course, get to sing the now-iconic 'You'll Never Walk Alone' and she does so beautifully.

In fact, when the company is singing the ensemble numbers, the standard is just so high.

Only a month ago, Meg Morris was playing the lead role of Christine in Porthcawl Comprehensive's *Phantom of the Opera*. However, the BYT is so well off for voices, she was able to rest her vocal chords and showcase her dancing instead.

She took the role of Billy and Julie's daughter, Louise, and performed an extended ballet sequence which indicated how she was in danger of repeating her parents' mistakes. She's a member of the Miss Sian Dixon School of Dance, and performed this dance with fellow school members Harly Videan and Harry Thomas alternating in the role.

Billy's plan for providing for his child involves coming under the spell of his crooked friend Jigger. It's a plan that goes tragically wrong, of course, and Billy dies as a result. Rob Davis was an excellent Jigger, a young man with charm and zero conscience – someone who has total misguided faith in his ability to plan something.

The BYT's depth of talent provides another problem for reviewers. The night I saw the show, the role of Mr Snow was played by Owen Rhys Evans, who was excellent. However, he alternated the role with Jack Williams, and all I can say is that I have it on good authority that Jack was also very good.

The same problem applies to the role of Mrs Mullins, the carousel owner. The night I was there, she was played by Lois Hadley, and sharing the role was Aisling Thomas. All I can say is that Lois was very good and so I am told, was Aisling.

Billy Bigelow (James Rvans-Jones) and Julie Jordan (Lucy Viner).
ALL PHOTOS BY ANNIE DAVIES.

BYT artistic director Roger Burnell and his team know what they are doing when it comes to the theatre. I've been reviewing their shows for over 15 years now, and this was one of the best. It's hard to see how that first 20 minutes could be improved and it shows what can be done when three young actors are so well cast.

Shelly Rees is an experienced assistant director, and Annie Davies did a fine job on the choreography, (while Sian Dixon choreographed the ballet elements). Nick Burnell's set design was simple but versatile, and worked well when Billy met his guardian angels in heaven.

As usual, the total concentration of every cast member was a feature of this BYT show. The young ones pay just as much attention to their role on stage as do their elders. They understand what is expected of them and it's a credit to the company's teamwork.

The musical director, Nathan Jones, put together an excellent orchestra for the show, and the balance between orchestra volume and the singers on stage was absolutely spot on.

At The GEM, we get regular letters about school productions saying: "It was just like a West End show".

I take those with a pinch of salt because what is being showcased is potential, not the finished article. James Evans-Jones and Lucy Vinen, to name just two, are off to do three years at drama college, and there is a reason for that.

Nevertheless, this production, as with so many other BYT shows, had a sizeable number of wonderful moments – and long may that continue.

It was 10 years ago that BYT last did Carousel. That was a great show too and its two leads, Katie Elin Salt (Julie Jordan) and Allyn Hawke (Billy Bigelow) have both enjoyed steady employment in the theatre and TV world since they passed through the BYT, on their way to drama college.

It really would be no surprise to see that pattern repeated with the 2018 Carousel line up.

Sony UK TEC search for young apprentices

ENGINEERS of the future are getting the chance to join one of the world's leading manufacturing facilities.

Sony UK Technology Centre is launching its graduate and apprentice recruitment schemes for a fourth consecutive year, with applicants able to apply online or through a graduate career link on Twitter.

The programme will see successful applicants join the international brand's award-winning Welsh site, based in Pencoed.

The facility, just off the M4, has developed a world-renowned reputation thanks to its high-end broadcast and professional camera manufacturing operation, along with its contract manufacturing business which has created industry-leading products including the Raspberry Pi.

Graduates and apprentices applying to the schemes will get the opportunity to develop their skills across Sony UK TEC's diverse professional facility, which enables them to experience all the challenges and rewards of working in a modern manufacturing facility.

Over the past three years 13 graduates have completed the programme, going on to specialise in various areas across the business. The apprenticeship programme has run in its current format since 2010 with 18 apprentices currently on site.

The director of professional services at Sony UK TEC Gerald Kelly said the training programmes would create more well-rounded and knowledgeable professionals in the long-term.

He said: "We are extremely excited to be starting the search for the next generation of engineers and business leaders at Sony UK TEC.

"Our graduate scheme offers a flexible and varied experience developing your skills at one of the leading manufacturing facilities in the world, while our four-year apprentice scheme sets you on the path to becoming an industry-leading engineer."

Entry requirement for the graduate scheme is a 2:1 degree in any subject, along with a passion for creating leading manufacturing solutions and the drive to continuously exceed industry standards. Entry requirements for the apprentice scheme are five GCSEs, including a B or above in maths, and Cs or above in science and English or equivalent.

For more information visit www.sonypencoed.co.uk /careers/.

Local author's 'evocative memoir' about hospital

A WELSH author has written an evocative memoir about Sully Hospital.

Ann Shaw spent six months at the hospital in 1960 recovering from tuberculosis. Her stay was at a time when there was still a very real fear that TB could be fatal.

She said: "I decided that it was time to write about Sully – after all, I had kept the diaries of my time there and I had the time for the project.

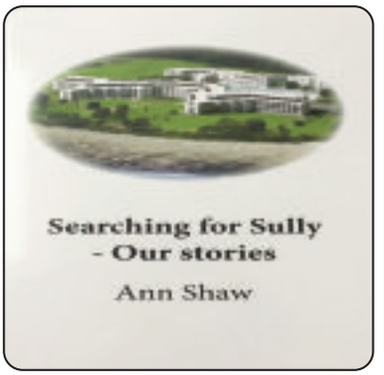
"Coming from a farm near Crickhowell, it was a revelation to be thrown into the hectic life of Sully at that time."

As a young child she had spent four years at a children's sanatorium in the Swansea valley.

Ann wrote a book called 'The Children of Craig-y-nos' which was short-listed for a national medical award, and she appeared on the BBC *One Show* talking about her time there.

After her spell near Swansea as a youngster she returned home, only to suffer a relapse years later which led to her stay at Sully when she was 19.

She explained that there was a huge contrast between the two hospitals: "Craig-y-nos was very hard, austere and bleak. Sully was warm, modern and had all the latest stuff."



The book is available via Amazon.

Ann had a huge response to her book on Craig-y-nos, and hopes the same will be true of 'Searching for Sully – Our stories' which also includes anecdotes from other people who knew the hospital well.

"Sully was a model hospital of its time – innovative and pioneering. It is a story that has not been recorded in social history."

The historian and journalist, Chris Holme, has described Ann's latest book as "a fascinating insight into life and death at a TB hospital in south Wales from a patient's perspective. At times hilarious, poignant and shocking, but compelling throughout."

Ann believes the ground-breaking medical work carried out in Sully would make a fascinating subject for a PhD student to record.

She now lives in Scotland, having retired after a career in journalism, latterly on the Glasgow Herald.

"If any GEM readers have connections with Sully Hospital, I am happy to give away six free copies to the first six people who either email me at annshaw@mac.com or text me on 07543 671 260.

"All I ask is that they tell me a little about their connection so that I can mention it in my blog."

Ann returned to Sully a few years ago to do research and was taken on a tour of the building. She said: "The show flat turned out to be my old ward! At least I am pretty certain it was the one, though it had changed so much."

Ann's book is available at Amazon, as a paperback, price £9.99. It can also be obtained by request at Barry Library.

Her Sully blog is at sullyhospital.blogspot.co.uk.

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'Disgust' at gravestone desecration in Penarth

PEOPLE in Penarth have been left shocked after a headstone at the cemetery was vandalised.

South Wales Police has launched an investigation into an act of 'criminal damage' - pink paint splashed over the Cardiff City emblem at the top of the gravestone.

Police say the damage took place at Penarth Cemetery on Castle Avenue some time before 6pm on February 21.

The headstone belonged to the late Paul Duff. Police say the emblem will have to be totally recreated because of the process required to remove the paint.

On Facebook, Michael James posted an appeal to people for information.

"I don't usually do this sort of thing but I would really like the person caught for this.

"As some of my friends know, a good friend of mine passed away a few years ago.

"His wife went to his grave last night to find that someone had sprayed his headstone with red spray paint because it has a Cardiff badge on it.

"This now means the stone needs to be removed to be cleaned, and to have the lettering re-coloured as the cleaning process will remove the lettering.

"This happened in the cemetery in Penarth that backs onto Cosmeston Lake.

"The police have been informed and are taking this extremely seriously but without any information from the public they are going to struggle to catch the culprits.

"So, I'm asking anyone who lives in or near Penarth can they share this please, and if they have any information to contact the police."

In response to Michael's post, people expressed their disgust at the vandalism. One person summed up the mood with the comment: "No respect, it's a gravestone you sick person. Disgraceful."

If anyone has any information about this crime, they are asked to contact the police on 101 quoting reference number: 1800065543; or phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

TC

'We spend major sums on roads' says Vale Council

PLAID Cymru councillors in Dinas Powys say they have received complaints from local residents about the state of roads in the village.

However, the Vale Council told The GEM it spent 'significant amounts' of money to maintain local roads, and carried out regular inspections.

Cllr Chris Franks claimed there had been a lack of maintenance. Speaking late last week, he said: "Considering that there has been little ice and no snow to damage the surface of roads, it is shocking to see the conditions.

"Penyturnpike Road is in a poor state. This is one of the busiest routes into and from Cardiff.

"With its narrow pinch points vehicles are being forced into the centre of the road to avoid the potholes.

"The same is true along Cardiff Road near the new junction with Cross Common Road. Plas Esyllt is another big problem. The list goes on."

Fellow Plaid councillor Richard Grigg added: "Plaid Cymru understands that the Vale has overspent by £1 million on its maintenance budget and now is in a panic to cut back.

"The price of this lack of control by the Conservatives and independent council will be paid by motorists in increased repair bills."

A Vale Council spokesperson said: "The council allocated £1.284m for road patching and pothole filling this financial year and £1.3m for road resurfacing and is set to emerge on budget for both.

"There are plans to spend an additional £2.1m on road resurfacing in 2018/19 as the original budget of £300,000 has been increased to £2.4m.

"£1m of additional council funding has already been committed to this work, with £1.1m coming from a one-off Welsh Government grant.

"The council's highways team will continue to use objective criteria to assess the roads most in need of repair and ensure they are the first to receive attention."

The spokesman also addressed matters in Dinas. "Penyturnpike Road in Dinas Powys has recently been inspected and a number of defects within the council's intervention level have been identified for repairs. These were scheduled to be carried out on Wednesday this week.

"At Plas Essyllt work to repair a number of defects should take place by the end of the week.

"Defects at Cardiff Road in Dinas Powys, near the junction of Cross Common Road, are not currently within the council's intervention level, but the road is inspected regularly and action will be taken as soon as it is deemed necessary." **TC**

Barry's new schools named

THE two new mixed-sex secondary schools for Barry are set to be named Pencoedtre High School and Whitmore High School.

The names were chosen by pupils at the current Barry and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive Schools, who will be transferring to the new schools in September, as well as future pupils from the feeder primary schools.

Pupil 'cluster groups' for the Port Road site, soon to be Whitmore High School, and the Merthyr Dyfan Road site, which will become Pencoedtre High School, met with local historian and St Cyres Comprehensive School headteacher Dr Jonathan Hicks to develop ideas for names in November 2017.

At the sessions the groups discussed the history of the school sites and surrounding areas, as well as Barry and the Vale as a whole, before taking part in workshops to develop potential names.

Following these sessions a shortlist of names was presented to all pupils and staff and feedback on these then reported to the two governing bodies for consideration.

Dr Vince Browne, Executive Headteacher for the two new schools, said: "Pencoedtre High School refers to the area that the school is built on, where a large number of its pupils live. Pencoedtre Wood is also one of the largest areas of woodland in Barry and a Site of Special Scientific Interest, so there is also a strong link with the natural environment."

He continued: "Whitmore High School makes a clear connection between the school and one of the most iconic features of Barry, particularly the western parts of the town that it will serve. Whitmore Bay means many things to many people but all of these are positive and the name will ensure 'positivity' is one of the first emotions the new school's name will evoke." **CS**

GVS events

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) is hosting a series of mini-volunteering events in various locations across the Vale.

The next event will be held on Thursday, March 8 at Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major from 2pm to 5pm.

A GVS spokesperson said: "Come along to the event to embark on a new adventure as a volunteer and open up a world of opportunities.

"You will be able to chat directly with local volunteering providers and find the right opportunity for you.

"Volunteering is a good way to get to know your community better, meet new people and gain new experiences. You'll also boost your chances of finding paid work."

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Tim Chapman

'Look out for our new CD.' Members of With Music in Mind at the funfair.

Musical group finds its feet at Rockfield Studios

WITH Music in Mind members have taken part in an exciting project, funded by Glamorgan Voluntary Services' Third Sector Preventative Intervention Fund, to write and record two unique songs.

The project was designed to extend members' experiences of music, and improve their quality of life by taking part in an activity that gave a sense of achievement and purpose.

On November 13 With Music in Mind was delighted to run the first two workshops in which members from both the Barry and Cowbridge groups came together in the ballroom of the Duke of Wellington.

Ideas for themes, lyrics and tunes were flowing and Meryn Williams, With Music in Mind's musical director, took the inspiration from the group and arranged two songs that reflected stories told in the first two workshops.

The next two workshops took place in Barry on December 15 during which the songs were finalised and rehearsed. ITV Wales attended to film the group rehearsing the rock song and they were featured on the news that evening.

The group set off for the Rockfield Recording Studios, Monmouth where they spent a weekend recording. The welcome they received was second to none.

Members not only experienced the wonders of the recording studio that Queen and Oasis had used, but also had comfortable and roomy accommodation and fabulous food.

Sarah Miles, managing director, said:"The aim of this project was to bring people together for new and exciting experiences, with the ultimate goals of improving wellbeing and reducing social isolation and loneliness.

"The workshops brought out many fun stories and inspired two wonderful songs. We had such an amazing time at Rockfield Recording Studios, but it was absolutely exhausting. We are delighted with how the songs have turned out."

Liz, a member of the Barry group said: "I have gained confidence in my abilities again. Since retiring, my personal life has been subsumed by caring for, at the most difficult point, five family members.

"Having had a responsible career for 40 years in the Civil Service, I had become isolated and was feeling trapped in a situation I could not change or improve.

"I now feel like I am 'me' again and this project in particular has helped me to enjoy life again."

With Music in Mind are grateful to GVS for funding this adventure and to Rockfield Recording Studio for their wonderful, warm welcome and for looking after us all weekend.

They would also like to thank Henry Danter for allowing the members to take photographs for the CD cover at the funfair on Barry Island.

CDs of the two songs, 'One Day You'll Be Me' and 'Dodgy Rock', will soon be available for purchase - contactinfo@withmusicinmind.co.uk for more details.

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Reports of Alabama Rot in the Vale

The deadly dog disease Alabama Rot has claimed the life of a dog in the Vale, *writes TIM CHAPMAN*.

Dog lover Mel Mackeprang's German pointer Sky died on January 31, and a post mortem confirmed Alabama Rot.

The first sign of the disease is skin sores, and dogs can suffer loss of appetite, vomiting and damage to the kidneys. It is thought dogs may pick the disease up from walks in muddy, woodland areas, but uncertainty surrounds the illness.

Mel, who lives in St Athan, said: "I have three German pointers and they got sores, but only one got the illness – Sky.

"I have been walking the dogs in fields opposite my house for 13 years without having a problem."

Mel went on Facebook to warn other dog lovers.

She told The GEM: "I thought it was the first case in the Vale, but a lady further down the coast put up a message to say her dog had it five years ago."

Sky had a sore on her lower leg, and two more on the other side just above the pads. She deteriorated rapidly, and Mel reluctantly realised the kindest thing was to put her to sleep.

Mel has even heard of a case in Devon involving a dog who hadn't ventured outside its garden for many years.

She said that if someone suspected their dog had the disease to make sure it received treatment as soon as possible.

The website, www.vets4pets.com/stop-alabama-rot/, tracks incidents of Alabama Rot across the United Kingdom.

'The Welsh Government must act over education shortfall' says AM

ACTION must be taken to address a significant shortfall of education funding in the Vale, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

The average amount spent per pupil this year in the Vale is £5,022 – £606 below the average for Wales.

Vale Council Leader John Thomas has raised concerns with Cabinet Secretary for Education Kirsty Williams, pointing out the Welsh Government's "flawed" funding system dates back to 1991.

While he praised the hard work of teachers across the Vale, Mr Davies has echoed these concerns calling for action to address the problem.

He claimed he had long been campaigning for a fairer funding settlement for the Vale to ensure the area gets a better deal from the Welsh Government.

Mr Davies said: "It is frankly alarming that pupils in the Vale have £606 less spent on them per year than the Welsh average but it is yet another reminder that we are underfunded.

"The funding formula used by the Welsh Government to allocate resources dates back to 1991, which is quite clearly out of date.

"It is not fair that incompetence from Welsh Government ministers in Cardiff Bay has seen Vale pupils' educations suffer as a result, despite the hard work of teachers, pupils and parents.

"The Cabinet Secretary needs to accept there is a problem and take action to make sure the Vale gets the funding it needs.

"Likewise, the Welsh Government need to ensure that the constant underfunding of the Vale as a whole is promptly and properly addressed."

Vale Council says pitch surface was 'playable'

The sand covered pitch at Maslin Park.

by GEM REPORTER
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ISLAND MARINE Football Club contacted the Vale Council on Twitter to highlight the poor state of their pitch – but the council responded by pointing out that when its staff left the pitch it was playable.

The club posted an image and complained: "@VOGCouncil sides pay £500 a year and this is how they (pitches) are maintained.

"This is one of 10 patches of deep sand just dumped on the pitch. To go from a hard to a soft surface is really dangerous. I hope no one gets injured."

A Vale Council spokesperson said its staff had worked hard to make sure local pitches were safe for players.

"With so many football fixtures falling victim to the weather recently, the council was keen to make every effort to ensure last weekend's matches went ahead.

"Emergency work was carried out at a number of venues and when leaving the pitch in question, council staff were satisfied the surface was both safe and playable. However, the final decision on this matter rests with the referee.

"The council invests significant sums in the maintenance of its pitches throughout the year and continues, at present, to significantly subsidise pitch costs."

Suspected 'air gun attack' on Rhoose cat?

RSPCA Cymru has appealed for information after a cat appears to have been shot by an air gun in Rhoose.

The black cat, named Sooty - from Odyn's Fee, Rhoose - was discovered to have a pellet under his skin after he was taken to a local vet by his concerned owner.

RSPCA inspector Gemma Black said: "Sooty's owner found a lump on his abdomen and took him to the vets to get it checked out.

"At the vets, they found a pellet under his skin, which has likely been there for a week or two.

"Luckily the pellet hasn't seemed to cause any lasting damage or injury to Sooty and it isn't necessary to remove it at this time, but would have been extremely painful at the time."

RSPCA Cymru is appealing for information to try and find out what happened to Sooty. If anyone has any information, they are urged to call the RSPCA's inspectorate appeal line on 0300 123 8018, which is in confidence.

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Sooty with his owner George.

Man is charged over fatal assault

ON Tuesday, February 27, police charged a 44-year-old man from Llanharry with manslaughter following a fatal assault in Maesteg last year.

Gavin Rees, 24, died of his injuries three weeks after the incident at Maesteg Community Hospital car park on August 30.

Jeffrey Shepherd, who has been on bail since the incident, will appear at Cardiff Magistrates' Court on Friday, March 30.

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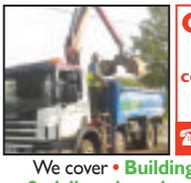

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If you would like more information on Stitch, then pop down to Dogs Trust Bridgend, CF31 4NG; or call 01656 725219 or check out our website www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Julie Ace

Forum learns about the life of Brunel

MEMBERS of the Barry Men's Forum were treated to an illustrated talk on the life and times of Isambard Kingdom Brunel by Stephen K Jones.

He has written three books on what Brunel had achieved in his rather short life (1806 to 1859) as a mechanical and civil engineer.

Brunel was born in Portsmouth to a French father and an English mother. He is well known for his engineering skills on the railway, especially the Clifton and Tamar suspension bridges, the Landore and Loughor timber viaducts, and the Goytre Coed viaduct which conveyed iron traffic from Merthyr to Cardiff Docks – better known as the Taff Vale Railway.

Other achievements include the development of the *SS Great Britain*, the first propelled ocean-going iron built ship in 1843 and the construction of the first tunnel under a navigable river, namely the Thames between Wapping and Rotherhithe.

Forum meet weekly at the Holy Trinity Church Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry on a Thursday at 9.45am; further information can be obtained from Mac Tanner on 01446 743455.

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Aerospace industry 'vital to Vale'

A SUCCESSFUL aerospace industry across the globe is vital to the economy of the Vale, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

Mr Davies made the comments on a visit to the headquarters of Airbus in Toulouse last week as he toured the production line of their A350 aircraft, the wings of which are made in Wales.

On the visit Mr Davies met Government affairs executive for Wales Steve Thomas and Government affairs finance chief Steve Lyons, as well as other engineers from Wales, who explained how the industry is going from strength to strength.

With demand for an estimated 35,000 new aircraft by 2036 aerospace is a growth industry which has expanded 39 per cent in five years.

The Vale is home to Cardiff Airport and British Airways Maintenance Cardiff – as well as the Aerospace Business Park in St Athan – and Mr Davies said it was vital the industry got the support it needs.

Mr Davies said: "With so many jobs in the Vale reliant on the aerospace industry in one way or another it is vital we do all we can to help it thrive.

"It was a pleasure to visit Airbus in Toulouse last week and meet Steve Thomas and Steve Lyons, as well as other members of the team from Wales.

"The production line for the A350 aircraft was truly impressive, especially in the knowledge that the wings were made in Wales.

"Aerospace is a growth industry and its success will be to the benefit of us all, particularly with Cardiff Airport, BAMC and the Aerospace Business Park in the area.

"I'd like to thank everyone at Airbus for taking the time to host me and showing me around their impressive facilities in Toulouse."

Speaker's insights into the birdwatching world

THE regular meeting of Highlight Park WI, Barry takes place in the afternoon, the first Tuesday of each month and with no specific topic or speaker today, we all sat around this month to enjoy a game of 'HOY' Bingo.

This is a shortened version of Bingo and while the stakes are reasonable there is a definite 'sigh' when they are lost. Twins Jeannette and Jackie called together and shared their winnings. Tea and Garibaldi and chocolate biscuits rounded off the meeting.

February 20: After singing WI's designated welcome tune 'Jerusalem' Barbara opened the meeting and welcomed several new potential members. Our guest speaker came early and waited patiently while the usual business took place.

Barbara, Pam, Pam and June read out their reports and future events were discussed. On February 26 a number of us are going to spend the day at Denman College, Oxfordshire.

Sue and Pat handed around the news from Federation House and in the January/February 2018 news-sheet we managed to get two items published on the 'Back Page'.

On Thursday, March 1, we are hosting a coffee afternoon to swell the funds of Denman House and it is a joint venture with other WIs in our area. We expect large numbers and everyone is invited to wear traditional dress or just wear a daffodil or leek.

The ladies who meet on Thursday afternoons have made lots of green hearts for the Show the Love (of the environment) Campaign.

They have made an eye-catching banner, all handmade and glittery to display on the wall of the hall. It will help other groups who use the hall to see what we are about.

Look out for the editorial in the Federation WI magazine. We were reminded of the invitation to the Dinas Powys WI in Murchfield, to their coffee morning on Saturday 24.

Our guest speaker for the night was Anthony Walton who started off by taking a photo of us all. He lives in Tonyrefail and has been a bird watcher for many years.

With the help of photos, most of them photographed by Anthony, he gave us a very interesting talk about garden birds and also some waders. He emphasised that by feeding the birds, they will come to your garden.

For instance he told us that a jay will collect around about 5,000 acorns and peanuts to cache, and then retrieve at least 75 per cent later on.

We watched a video about a crow which managed to work out how best to get its food from a container of water by placing stones in the container, thus raising the level of water and subsequently the food.

Anthony has a great wealth of information and knowledge of British birds and is a very entertaining speaker.

Meetings for March will be March 1, coffee afternoon: March 6, social meeting at 2pm. March 20, evening meeting at 7pm.

Every Thursday craft meeting at 2pm. All are welcome to come and see.

Get on your bike for charity!

THE locally-based charity 2 Wish Upon a Star has announced plans for its annual two-day sponsored bike ride.

This year the ride will be called '2 Wish on 2 Wheels' and has had an exciting makeover!

For previous cyclists the challenge and the spirit remains the same, but this year there is a new route aimed at raising awareness of the charity across west Wales.

The riders will follow a route which will include cycling through towns that have an emergency unit working with 2 Wish Upon a Star.

The event will start on June 1 in Haverfordwest, with the cyclists riding to Llanelli for the overnight stop. On day two, the route runs from Llanelli to Miskin, finishing with the traditional big annual party.

There is a registration fee of £120 which includes the costs of an overnight stay in Llanelli, snacks and water, a newly-designed cycling jersey, and a finisher's medal.

The minimum sponsorship amount that each rider needs to raise is £150. The event will begin on Friday, June 1 at 7am and is scheduled to finish the next day at 3pm.

Over the last five years, 2 Wish Upon a Star has raised more than £400,000 through this annual event.

The aims of 2 Wish Upon a Star are to raise funds to improve bereavement services in Wales by:

*Ensuring every A and E Department in Wales has a suitable bereavement suite for bereaved relatives; Making available bereavement boxes for parents at each of these hospitals; Making available immediate bereavement support for parents and siblings; Providing a professional counselling service for bereaved parents; Providing support for witnesses of traumatic events resulting in the death of a child or young adult; Working with staff through training and emotional support.

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Out & About with The GEM

I, Tonya and *Lady Bird* impress on the big screen...

IN Oscar season, high-profile films tend to come along at a rapid pace, and last week saw two films that have picked up nominations released in cinemas in *Lady Bird* and *I, Tonya.*

The former tells the story of Lady Bird (Saoirse Ronan), a 17-year-old wanting to break free from the chains of her home life to engage in the wider world; but, like most 17-year-olds, what she wants from the world and what the world can offer her are two different things entirely.

The latter is a recounting of how Tonya Harding (played by Margot Robbie) grew from a precociously talented ice skater under the 'guidance' of her mother Lavona (Alison Janney) to a figure of hate as she was implicated in an attack on her rival Nancy Kerrigan in 1994...

Lady Bird marks the directorial debut of Greta Gerwig, who also wrote the screenplay. Gerwig, likely best known to mainstream audiences as Russell Brand's love interest in his dull remake of *Arthur*, does a nice line in disenfranchised women trying to get ahead in the world, and she uses this here in a coming-of-age tale that is both witty and warm, a film that doesn't sugarcoat the notion of growing up and the travails that it brings.

It's anchored by an exceptional turn from Saoirse Ronan as the titular Lady Bird, refusing to answer to her birth name in an attempt to show her independence and her artistic side and whose opening scene (an argument with her mother, played in a wonderful performance by Laurie Metcalfe, about her choice of college) runs the gamut from realism to comic absurdity in a matter of minutes.

by GARETH JAMIESON
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While a character who is strong-minded, she is never presented in a negative light, her actions never coming from a place of malevolence, rather the same place that we've all been to when we were young, when the decisions of the heart never quite catch up to the decisions of the head.

It's a film that doesn't shy away from issues but presents them with a pleasing lack of melodrama, the events of a teenage life (friends coming and going, relationships) delivered with a caustic honesty that is infused with a sense of humour that comes across in the performances, and has all the hallmarks of the Gerwig we've seen both on screen and on the page in the likes of Mistress America and Frances Ha.

It's a low-key but incredible debut for Gerwig, the film carrying her sense of identity and world view with a clarity that is rarely seen from first-time directors, and her Oscar nod for best director is a just one.

Craig Gillespie hasn't received an Oscar nomination for directing *I, Tonya*, but the film has received plaudits elsewhere, with Margot Robbie and Alison Janney picking up nominations for best actress and best supporting actress respectively, and they are richly deserved in a darkly comic story of an American dream turned sour.

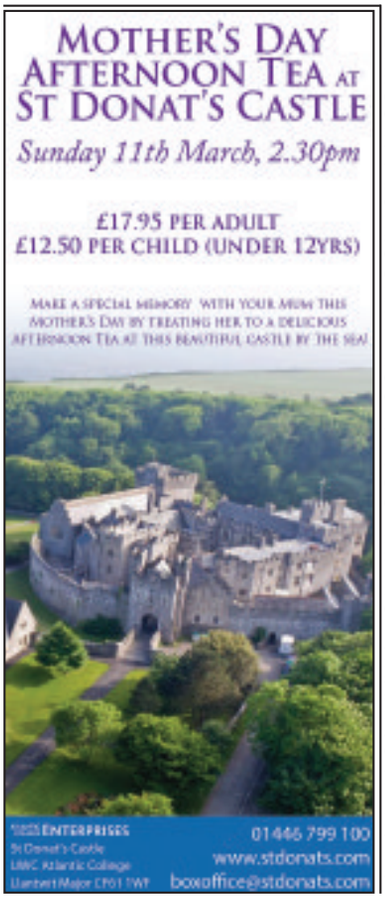
Robbie is superb as Harding, a performance that paints the character in shades of grey, neither an anti-hero nor the Machiavellian ice queen she has been portrayed as.

Her life as recounted here is one of hardships and struggles, and her ascendancy up the ice skating ranks – a sport hardly known for their love of the rough and the rugged – bristles with those in charge, putting her on the back foot from the start.

It says much for Robbie's turn that Alison Janney only just fails in stealing the entire film as the chain-smoking, parrot-wielding Lavona, a hurricane of hatred and pithy putdowns that sees the actress on top form; while Sebastian Stan, as Harding's husband Jeff, goes from being a saviour to being an even bigger nightmare for Tonya as their relationship breaks down into physical violence, gunshots and, eventually, an act of misguided love that sees all the major players damned.

Gillespie's use of talking heads peppered throughout the film gives us gives us clues that what we're seeing may not necessarily be the truth, and it's the film's less-than-slavish devotion to the real events that makes it an intriguing and compelling biopic.

VERDICT – Spoiled for choice, both *Lady Bird* and *I, Tonya* are hugely entertaining and satisfying films. The former's bittersweet coming-of-age tale is humorous and realistic, a perfect showcase for Saoirse Ronan's fine lead turn and Greta Gerwig's strong directorial debut; while *I, Tonya* sees Margot Robbie and Alison Janney deliver superb turns in a darkly comic biopic that highlights an interesting character in Tonya Harding – both come highly recommended.



PODS' *Last Man Standing* on March 3

PENARTH Operatic & Dramatic Society is presenting *Last Man Standing,* which is on at the Paget Rooms until Saturday, March 3.

"The drama," said a spokesperson, "pays tribute to the men who fought, and those that gave their lives for our country."

The play sees Edmund, the squire's son, and Tom, a worker on the squire's estate, leave behind the same village girl they both love to go to war, and in the hell-hole of the trenches their rivalry grows into obsessional hatred.

Tickets for *Last Man Standing* can be bought online at pods-penarth.org, and from Griffin Books on Windsor Road.

WHAT'S ON, WHEN AND WHERE IN AND AROUND THE REGION

Valeways guided walks

ON Thursday, March 1 at 10.30am the Living With Cancer Strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park at the information centre.

On Saturday, March 3 at 2pm a Coed y Bwl/spring walk from the Fox & Hounds in St Brides Major. Meet in the car park/maes parcio.

On Sunday, March 4 visit the daffodils at Castle-upon-Alun, meeting in the car park (next to shop) in St Brides Major at 2.30pm.

On Tuesday, March 6 Crwydro Ynys Y Barri, meet at the Coffee Cove Cafe, Ynys Y Barri at 10am.

On Wednesday, March 7 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry will meet at 10.30am at the Bridge Cage car park, Cold Knap in Barry.

The Coffee Shop Strollers of Cowbridge will meet the same day at 2.30pm at the Physic Garden fountain.

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, March 1 Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Cotswold artist Rupert Aker (www.rupertaker.com) who will give a demonstration on the use of the palette knife in oil painting.

Rupert has a reputation as an excellent demonstrator so we look forward to an interesting evening. On Thursday, March 8 we will have a demonstration on 'Manipulating Texture' by Theo Crutchley-Mack, (www.crutchley-mack.com).

Theo appeared in TV's *Landscape Artist of the Year* and has recently returned from an artist's residency in South Georgia.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm-9pm) and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the programme and activities go to Old Hall, or see *www.cowbridgeart society.com* and www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas.

Spring fair in Penllyn

PENLLYN Church are holding a Spring Fair in Penllyn village hall on Saturday, March 3 from 10am to 1pm.

Stalls include refreshments, plants, cakes, tombola, preserves and others. Children's play and craft corner. All proceeds towards Community Room and church maintenance, everyone very welcome!

Council surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent councillors will hold a surgery on Saturday, March 3 at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major from 9.30am-11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Enfys craft fair

THE next fair takes place on March 3 from 10am until 4pm at St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry.

Coming up in March is Mother's Day (Mothering Sunday) and Enfys craft fair is the place to buy those gifts and cards for special and treasured mothers. Jewellery, bags, cushions, hearts and other gifts, paintings and that personalised card especially for your Mum.

Come along and taste Anne's delicious and reasonably priced meals in her kitchen's warm and friendly atmosphere.

March's charity raffle will be for TAVS Centre in Roath; meals are provided here twice weekly for 45 people and TAVS Bakery is raising £2,500 to buy a special bread oven. Why not pop in and see us, support our charity and spoil yourself with a little something from one of our stalls.

The next craft fair will be held on Saturday, April 7. For more information about the fair call Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

Litter pick

THE Love Cowbridge/Hate Litter environmental group will be litterpicking this Sunday morning, March 4 at 10am for one hour or so.

This is part of the Keep Britain Tidy Springclean event. Please meet behind the town hall and wrap up warmly.

TaxHelp for Older People

TOP's income tax surgery, offering free professional advice on income tax problems to older people on a restricted income, will take place at Roz Couzens' chiropody surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major (CF61 1RB) on Monday, March 5 from 10am-12pm.

No appointment necessary. For home visits call 0845 601 3321 or 01308 488066.

International Women's Day walk

JOIN the Soroptimists International of Bridgend and District for a walk along the Wales Coast Path on Saturday, March 10.

Starting at Coney Beach, Porthcawl at 10am the route proceeds to Rest Bay, ending at the Atlantic Hotel – approximately 4.5km – just in time for coffee! Wear a dash of white, gren or purple – Suffragist colours, to mark the centenary of female suffrage.

For more information contact Helen Murdoch on 01656 773645 or helen@helenmurdoch marketing.com.

Table top sale

ON behalf of the Elis Rose Legacy fund a table top sale will be held in the Cowbridge Leisure Centre on Saturday, March 10 from 10am – 12pm. Refreshments available.

£10 for a table, call Sarah Ellis on 07880 044442 or call into Morgan's Hair Salon, Cowbridge Eastgate.

Welsh folk dancing

ON Saturday, March 10 at 7pm Dawnswyr Penybont (Welsh folk dancers) and Cobblers Awl (clog dancers) will perform at Wesley Church Centre, Tondu.

Tickets £6 to include cawl and Welsh cakes. For tickets and further details call Jeff on 01656 662671 or j.jones503@btinternet.com.

Saving and borrowing

IF you live in the Vale or Cardiff and are looking for a flexible saving account or affordable low interest loan with no hidden charges – perhaps a loan for electrical or white goods – in partnership with Co-op Electrical, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a information session at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, March 13 at 10am to 12pm.

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Diet and nutrition advice

IF you are over 50 and looking for advice on healthy eating, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a health topic information session on Tuesday, March 13 from 10am to 12pm.

You will be able to chat to a healthcare professional from Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust (Dietetics in the Older Person) for advice and information.

No appointment is needed, just come along. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

A party for Y Bont

A FUNDRAISING event to raise money for a garden, which will be specially adapted to the disabled children's specific needs at Y Bont, is to be held on Saturday, March 24 at Vale Cricket Club, Corntown. The party starts at 3pm and goes on until 7pm.

The cost is £16.50 per person; due to limited availability tickets must bought in advance at *www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/FFMHJD*.

Come and join the fun! There will be live music by *Welsh Factor* finalist Drew Ludlow, also Lisa Kwei (www.facebook.com/lisakweimusic) plus other local artists.

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To mark 70th anniversary of launch of the Landy, South Wales Land Rover Club (SWLRC) recently approached the committee of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society (RWAS) with a view to organising the first Welsh Festival of Land Rovers display event at its Spring Festival this year.

The committee agreed it was a good idea and asked SWLRC to co-ordinate the event.

The themes for the event will be "The Heritage of the Marque, Reputable Green Laning and Overlanding".

A spokesperson for SWLRC said: "We are seeking expressions of interest from clubs that are based in Wales – or national clubs with members based in Wales – that may wish to attend.

"We are especially interested in vehicles that portray the heritage of the marque, both past and present, but we are also interested in vehicles modified to a high standard. Some initial interest has been obtained from a number of clubs and we are now working on finalising some details.

"We have also been tasked with arranging a 30-minute arena display. Our current thoughts around this are a selection of vehicles covering Land Rover's long and varied history with an MC having a discussion with the owners as they pass through."

The spokesperson added that there will also be some new vehicles on show from local Land Rover dealers showing how the marque has developed.

"If the event is a success, there is all likelihood that this will become a periodic and we will be invited back in future years and there is even discussion around us putting on a similar event in a future year for the main summer show which runs over five days and averages some 240,000 visitors."

Land Rover owners or clubs who would like to be involved should contact Marc Andrews at marc@swlrc.co.uk.

The spokesperson said: "If you don't have a Land Rover, we would still like to see you at the event. Please stop by and say hello."

News from Pen y Fai WI

THE February meeting was opened by president Angela Smith, who proceeded to introduce the speaker for the evening.

Rhian Morgan works for the Wales Gene Park in Cardiff and spoke on the fascinating subject of DNA, with particular emphasis on its relevance in solving crime.

The members were given examples of many famous cold cases in which DNA has been used to uncover the perpetrators, as well as cases where DNA has been used to overturn existing convictions.

A vote of thanks was given by Val Trimlett.

The usual notices were given and a special mention was given to the husbands of members Ann Shillibier and Devere Richards for removing turf on the village green in preparation for the planting of the WI floral tribute, which will mark the centenary of the end of World War I.

Some members are also busy knitting and crocheting poppies to be used in the celebrations. Reminders were given for the trips to Bletchley Park and London later in the year, as well as the theatre trip to see *Sunset Boulevard* in Cardiff later this month.

The next meeting will be on March 19 when the speaker will be Linda Jenkins on 'Local Interest Photography'.

Top tips for driving safely in freezing weather

AS arctic weather sweeps across Britain, bringing sub-zero temperatures, breakdown provider Green Flag has predicted over 110,000 breakdowns will take place on our roads this week.

The Met Office has issued an alert to be prepared for the difficult weather conditions, and forecasters warn we will have to endure heavy rain and snowfall.

With the conditions expected to cause havoc on British roads, Simon Henrick, of Green Flag, commented: "The return of the cold weather and difficult road conditions may take some drivers by surprise this week.

"Although we're heading towards spring, the cold weather isn't gone yet – so it's important that drivers do all they can to stay safe.

"By thoroughly checking their cars before they leave home, and approaching the roads with caution, drivers will decrease the risk of encountering a problem on the roads this week."

Green Flag's common-sense tips on driving in cold weather are:

Always check your speed – even if the roads have been gritted they're likely to be slippery.

Give more warning than usual to other drivers – when turning, stopping or changing lane.

Keep plenty of distance between cars. You never know when you'll hit an icy patch. If you pass through the same tracks as the car in front of you within three seconds, you're following too closely.

Check whether your car has ABS anti-lock brakes. In the unlikely event that it doesn't, pump the brake pedal slowly to prevent the wheels locking up and skidding.

Be extra-wary of black ice. It's an invisible danger that can catch out even the most careful driver.

Approach corners at a steady speed, in as low a gear as possible. Don't touch the clutch unless it's absolutely necessary, steer smoothly and avoid braking on bends.

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THERE are still a few tickets left for Griffin Books' evening with TV fisherman Will Millard on Friday, March 2 at Waterloo Tea, Penarth.

From 7.30pm he'll be discussing his new book, *'The Old Man and the Sand Eel'*, with local writer and actor Dick Johns. Tickets are £10, including refreshments and a discount on book purchases, and can be bought on Ticketsource or from the shop.

Griffin Books has recently announced two more exciting events, 'Dementia Connections' with Jane Mullins and Liz Webb-Hooper, a talk about reconnecting with those living with dementia; and 'Crime and Cream Tea' with Julia Chapman, author of the charming series 'The Dales Detective'.

More details at www.griffinbooks.co.uk.

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Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2018/00155/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig:	The proposals comprise 4 no. five bedroom dwellings and 2 no. two bedroom affordable dwellings with associated parking and turning area and external amenity space. The proposals also include for revised vehicular access to Sycamore Farm and a detached garage.
Location:/Lleoliad:	Sycamore Farm, A48, Bonvilston
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Bonvilston
Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2018/00187/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Proposed two storey extension to side elevation to replace existing dilapidated structure
Location:/Lleoliad:	21, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Dinas Powys

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2018/00072/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig:	External and internal alterations
Location:/Lleoliad:	The Tower, Tower Hill, Penarth
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Affecting Nos. 1-5, Tower Hill Avenue, Penarth, Grade II
Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2018/00133/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig:	The demolition of two no. three bed bungalows and single storey garages (1 and 10 Parc Wood) which serves the house parents, site clearance to both sites. The development of two new student dormitory blocks at a two storey height, each accommodating 12 no. four bed dormitory units, communal shared spaces and two no. three bed house parent apartments. Proposed external landscaping to both buildings to be minimal and to compliment the natural surroundings of both sites
Location:/Lleoliad:	United World College of the Atlantic, East Drive, St. Donats
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Affecting Top (East) Lodge to St. Donats Castle including attached garden wall, Grade II

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Location:/Lleoliad:	United World College of the Atlantic, East Drive, St. Donats
Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2018/00153/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission ref. 2014/01300/FUL to remove previously approved balconies
Location:/Lleoliad:	Barry Dock Conservative Club, 17 Station Street, Barry

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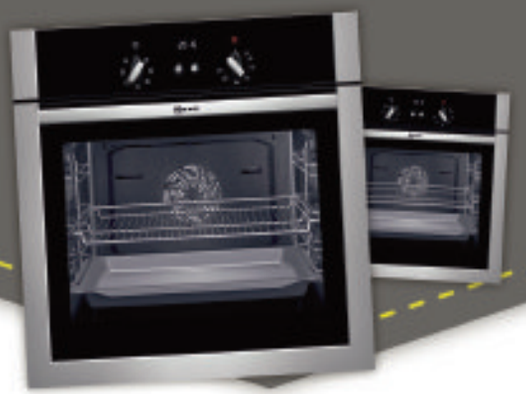

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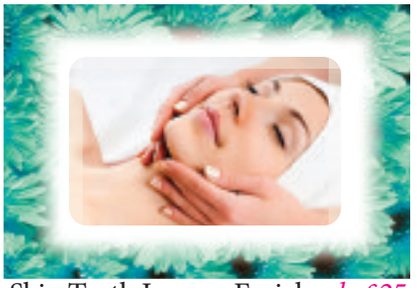

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BOOK REVIEW

Voices of Cardiff

READERS young and old will be fascinated by 'Voices of Cardiff' compiled by GEM columnist Brian Lee.

Through the reminiscences of local people, accompanied by approximately 100 photographs, this book remembers the Cardiff of yesteryear and paints a revealing period of immense change in the capital city of Wales over the past century.

In their own words, Cardiffians, many no longer with us, tell about the way they lived, their lives and the conditions in which they lived during the past century.

There are chapters on family and home, childhood and school days, clothes and fashion, sport, leisure and entertainment, working life and wartime

The author, who has been keeping GEM readers in touch of what has been happening on the Welsh horse racing and point-to-point front for many years, reveals how he was just 16 when he attended his first point-to-point: "It was held on April 5, 1952 and I still have the racecard. The Pentyrch Hunt Steeplechases proved something of a revelation and I soon became an ardent fan, travelling by bus to other local point-to-points.

"I would follow my hero, Bill Jones, and favourite horses *Sylvester 11*, *Cariff Princess*, *Spurn Head* and *Sally On*, but little did I think then that, 14 years later, I would be reporting on the sport for such esteemed publications as *The Sporting Life*, *Horse & Hound* and *Racing Post*."

Brian also recalls the speedway that once took place in Cardiff and writes: "In the early 1950s, I was a regular Cardiff Dragons speedway fan. The Penarth Road stadium was said to be one of the best speedway tracks in the country.

"I can remember in 1952 the Cardiff Dragons team beating Plymouth by 47-37 points. The roar of the motorbikes, the smell of the fuel and the clouds of shale dust thrown up as the riders rounded a bend all made it very exciting to a young lad of 15 or 16."

As for Brian's earliest memory, he writes: "My earliest memory is of the Second World War and my mother wrapping me up in a blanket and carrying me downstairs to the Anderson air raid shelter at the bottom of our garden in Thesiger Street."

Cinemas, pubs, parks and shops long gone are all recalled in this unique book, thought to be the only collection of general reminiscences of Cardiffians since Volume V of John Hobson Matthews' Record of the County Borough of Cardiff published between 1898-1905.

Voices of Cardiff by Brian Lee is published by The History Press at £12.99 and is available from all good book shops.

Pirates in Penarth!

THE Concept Players return after the success of *The Importance Of Being Earnest* and *Shout!* with a ship load of dodgy pirates and a bevy of beauties as they bring a classic Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, *Pirates of Penzance*, to theatres.

Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera is packed with sentimental pirates, blundering policemen, absurd adventures and improbable paradoxes.

Concept Players have just been nominated for seven awards for their 2017 productions of *Evita, The Importance of Being Earnest* and *Shout!* by the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) who said of their last performance: 'This company is professional to its fingertips, no wonder they have this following in south Wales.'

The director, Paul Buckle, said: "It is over 20 years since we last put on this show and we think the music and humour is as accessible as it ever was. Everyone knows the songs 'I Am A Modern Major General' and 'Poor Wandering One' – add in the fantastic humour and you are guaranteed a great night, so come and along and see for yourself!"

The Pirates Of Penzance opens at the Borough Theatre, Abergavenny on Thursday, March 10 until Saturday, March 12. Box Office: 01873 850805.

The Players then travel to Penarth to the Paget Rooms on Thursday, March 15 and the performance runs to Saturday, March 17, box office 02920 708037.

All performances are at 7.30pm and tickets cost £12, also available from concept-players.com.

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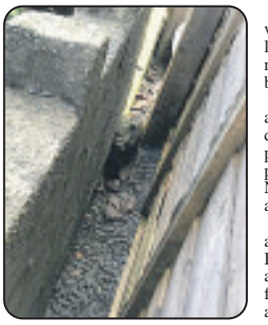

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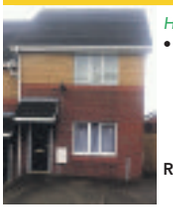

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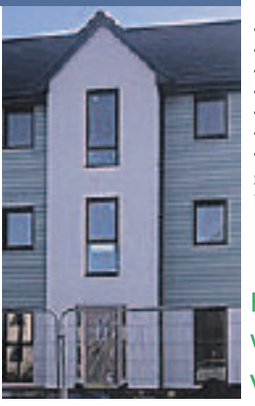

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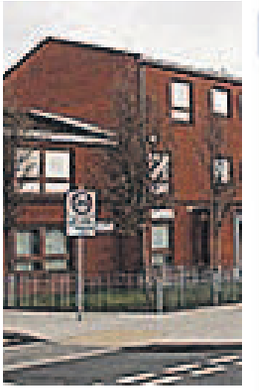

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Turf Talk
with Brian Lee

PETERSON-Super-Ely's Phil Dando had plenty to smile about at Warwick last Friday when his nine-year-old home-bred *Sahara Haze* won the Conditional and Amateurs Riders Handicap Hurdle over three miles and two furlongs.

A 10-1 chance, *Sahara Haze* won by six lengths from *Phangio* and was a first winner under Rules for west Wales' Ben Jones, son of the almost legendary Dai Jones from west Wales who rode more than 200 winners between-the flags.

EVAN'S CHEPSTOW WIN

AT Chepstow Racecourse on Saturday, Llancarfan's Evan Williams saw his 12-year-old *Tornado In Milan* land the inaugural Roger Lewis Memorial Trophy Handicap Chase over two miles and worth £14,242 to the winner.

Bottom-weighted *Tornado In Milan*, an 11-2 shot, came home five lengths ahead of *Overtown Express* and was well ridden by stable jockey Adam Wedge who had his mount in a handy position throughout.

This win will have pleased Williams as he knew Roger Lewis and his family, and, like Roger, was a former leading amateur rider.

BRECON RACES

THE Brecon & Talybont Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases takes place at Ty Fry, Llanfrynach on Saturday.

Racing gets under way at 1pm and the men's open race is a qualifier for the Timico Mixed Open Final at Cheltenham on May 4.

Six races are planned with the final race the Open Maiden at 3.30pm.

TIM'S SOUTHWELL WINNER

***NORMANDY King*, trained in the Vale by Tim Vaughan and partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns, won the Grand National Fans Novices' Handicap Chase over two miles and four furlongs at Southwell on Sunday.**

In a field of nine runners, seven-year-old *Normandy King* won by three and a quarter lengths from *Champion Chase* ridden by James Best and was returned at odds of 11-2.

**You can e-mail your news and views to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone him at 02920736438.*

News from the Barry Chess Club

LAST weekend, three members of the Barry Chess Club travelled to Fishguard to play in the Dyfed Congress.

Sam Jukes took part in the open section and being a glutton for punishment, also played in the Saturday evening Blitz tournament. Sam White and Peter Watkins played in the major section.

Sam Jukes was ranked 27th out of the 47 competitors in the open section. Being just below halfway in the rankings ensured Sam would get a tough game in round one.

He played FM Sven Zeidler who has a rating of 2,165, approximately 350 ratings points higher.

You would have thought this would be an easy victory for Sven, but it was not to be as Sam produced an outstanding performance to earn a draw.

Unfortunately, Sam could not reproduce this performance and ended the five rounds with two points to finish in 30th place.

However, on Saturday, in the Blitz, Sam was ranked ninth out of the 27 competitors. He picked up five wins, including one against AGM Rudy Van Kemenade.

Sam lost to the top two players – GM Matthew Turner and Tom Brown – to finish in third place. His final match was against Matthew, and if Sam had managed a win he would have been champion, but Matthew was too strong and ended on 100 per cent.

In the major, Sam White was ranked sixth and Peter Watkins 10th out of the 20 competitors. Peter started well, winning his first three games.

In round four, he lost the match to eventual winner Paul Scott. Had Peter managed to win his final match, he would have been champion on a tie break, but the strain of playing five matches in just over two days proved too tiring and Peter drew his final game to finish third on 3.5 points, only a half point behind Paul.

Sam White had a good tournament, equalling his ranking to finish in sixth place. Sam returned home with two wins and two draws, his only defeat against Les Philpin who eventually finished second.

In more mundane matters, the Camelots and Gambits were in league action as well. Ken Hannah and John Ryles earned draws for the Camelots who lost 4-1 to the Pontypridd Phoenix, who are challenging near the top of the division.

This result may not have seemed enough until it became clear that our relegation challengers, the Cardiff Crowns, only picked up half a point.

The Gambits lost to Rhondda A, who proudly sit at the top of Division 4. Sam White, fresh from his travels to Fishguard, saved our blushes by earning a draw.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome; just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website, we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

Phil Jones
(Club secretary)

The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

IT was dubbed Super Saturday and it lived up to it with permutations at the top of the Premier Division, a shock defeat and a 12 goal thriller in Division One and an almost certain promotion achieved in Division two – and it's only February.

The top four collided in the Premier Division as league leaders St Athan played out a 0-0 stalemate away to second place Rhoose, while FC Barry Belgrade closed the gap to three points as they performed a smash and grab on the Island, defeating Barry Athletic 1-0.

Belgrade still have five games in hand over the leaders. Elsewhere in the division, Island Marine bounced back from last week's heavy defeat to thump bottom side Penarth Town 5-1.

In Division One the big story of the day came as table-toppers Sully Sports tasted league defeat for the first time this season with a 3-1 loss to the impressive in-form Barry Saints, who go third and must be front runners for promotion to the Premier Division.

Barry Saints are 10 points off top spot but have three games in hand and will be gunning for the title.

Cardiff Airport closed the gap on Sully to four points as they won a 12 goal thriller 7-5 against Cadoxton Imps.

SP Billy dropped to fourth after a 0-0 blank with Cwm Talwg. The point brings a five game losing streak for SP to an end.

Tynewydd got their first league win in six, as they drew level on points with Cogan following a 2-1 triumph over them.

Bottom side Penarth Town B closed the gap on Imps as they edged out Cadoxton Athletic with a very good 4-3 victory.

In Division Two, Josh Morgan fired a hat trick as Llantwit Major romped to a massive 12-0 win over Barry Albion.

To Albion's credit they played the game with eight players, a huge task with 11 players let alone eight, against the league leaders that haven't dropped a point yet.

Nonetheless Llantwit went about their business clinically and the victory all but assures promotion to Division One in their first season back in the Vale League.

Cadoxton Barry dropped to third after being held 3-3 by Vale Madrid as BRT Dynamos moved second after a 2-1 win over Island Marine B, making it four straight league wins for Dynamos.

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Family Notices

HARRIES
Betty *(née Wooles)*

It is with great sadness we announce that Betty Harries, nee Wooles, passed away after a short illness at Llandough Hospital on 23rd February, aged of 97 years. Betty lately of Baltimore Care Home, Barry was born in St. Mary's Avenue, Barry in 1920, where she grew up with parents Albert and Ellen.

Betty is predeceased by husband Ray, who died in 1990, son Richard and sisters Joan, Barbara and Sylvia.

Betty will be sadly missed by all who knew her particularly her loving sons Derek, John and Bryan daughters-in-law Patti, Sally, Cynthia and Katherine; grandchildren Sarah, Dylan, Sian, Claire, Laura, Sophie, Josie and Anna; and her nine great-grandchildren.

Grateful thanks to Baltimore Care Home staff for their care and kindness to Betty during the last two years.

Her funeral will take place at Vale of Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, 6th March at 4pm.

Floral tributes are welcome and may be sent to Park Funerals, 7 Tynewydd Road, Barry.

WILLIAMS
Elizabeth

Peacefully on 21st February at UHW, aged 87 years, Betty, of Laurel Court, Barry. Devoted wife of Keith, dearly loved mother of Ross and daughter-in-law Jayne. A loving grandmother and Great Nanna Betty of her great-grandchildren.

Will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral Friday, 9th March, service and cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 10am, where friends please meet. Family flowers only. Donations, if so desired, for Cancer Research Wales c/o W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. Tel 01443 223368.

BOWEN-JONES
Brenda Joscelyne Rowland
(née Payne)

Peacefully, at Brocastle Manor on 22nd February, aged 97 years. Much loved wife of Elwyn, mother of David and Susan and nana to Louis, Jonathan and Eleanor.

Funeral at Llanblethian Church on Wednesday, 7th March at 12 noon.

The family would like to thank the staff at Brocastle for their kindness and support during Brenda's seven years in their care

LEWIS
Helen Winifred

(Latterly of Brynna and formerly of Cowbridge)

Sadly passed away unexpectedly on 20th February 2018. Beloved mother of James and Penny, loving sister to Jen. Cherished granny to Alys, David and Megan. Much loved aunty to Soondri and great aunty to Jodie. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Following a private burial, a celebration of Helen's life will take place on Saturday, 3rd March 2018 at 1pm at Bonvilston Reading Room, Bonvilston, Cowbridge, CF5 6TR. Smart casual dress code. No flowers by request, but donations to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice, would be welcomed online at www.helen-lewis.muchloved.com or via the funeral director.

All enquiries to Parkman Funeral Home, 2 Waunrhydd Road, Tonyrefail, CF39 8EN. Tel 01443 552101.

JONES
Rebecca

Suddenly on 8th February in hospital, Rebecca, aged 36 years, of Barry. Devoted mother of Jacob and Imogen, cherished daughter of Ceri and Connie and loving sister of Rosie.

Will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral Monday, 5th March, service and cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 3pm, where friends please meet. Family flowers only.

Enquiries to W.H. Preene & Son, 54 Main Street, Barry CF63 2HN. Tel 01446 420520.

HOAD
Peter Edwards

Peacefully on 15th February at the UHW Cardiff, Peter, beloved husband of Diane, loving dad (popsie) to Bridget, Bethan and Katy. Loved father-in-law to Andrew and John, dearly loved grandad Peter to all his grandchildren and great granddaughter. Dear brother-in-law and uncle.

Peter will be greatly missed by all his family, friends and neighbours.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday, 9th March at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for RNLI Barry branch or Velindre may be handed to the funeral director.

WINDLE
David

Peacefully on 19th February 2018, after a short illness, at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, David, aged 67 years. Beloved husband of Lindsey, much loved dad of James and daughter-in-law Jo. Adored grand of Jordan, Jenna and little Molly.

David will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the chapel of rest on Wednesday, 7th March at 10am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. No flowers by request, though donations in David's memory would be gratefully appreciated for either Macmillan or Marie Curie c/o the funeral director.

VALLANCE
Karen

Peacefully on 18th February at the University Hospital Of Wales, Cardiff, Karen, beloved partner to Terry and much loved mum of Christopher and Nicola

Karen will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Karen is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ the Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Thursday, 8th March at 5pm

Floral Tributes may be sent to the funeral home.

MacNEISH
Jean

Died peacefully on 6th February 2018 in Drakes Nursing Home, Plymouth, aged 86 years.

Wife of David (deceased), mother of Angela Racheal (deceased) and Elizabeth (deceased). Grandmother of Holly and Emily.

PERCIVAL
Margaret

(of The Broadshoard, Cowbridge)

Passed away peacefully, aged 84 years, on Friday, 16th February in the Princess of Wales Hospital, in the presence of her family. Beloved wife to Terry, mother to Steve, Sue and Tim. Grandmother to David, Stephanie, Ryan, Rhys, Katy and Amy and great grandmother to Tayla, Tristan, Chayse, Ethan, David, Rowan and Arianna.

Resting at Thomas Bros Funeral Home, Cowbridge until the service to be held at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Friday, 9th March at 1.45pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.45pm.

GRIFFIN
Anne

Suddenly at home on 19th February, Anne, beloved wife to Derek, much loved mum of Pamela and the late Mark. An adored nan of Jessica and great grandma of Lucia.

Anne will be dearly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at St Tathan Church, St Athan on Monday, 12th March at 11.45am, followed by a private family committal service.

Family flowers only, donations, if desired, may be sent to Marie Curie Hospice, Bridgeman Road, Penarth in memory of Anne

BARRON
John Patrick

Sadly and peacefully at the U.H.W on 17th February. Adored dad, bamps, brother and uncle.

Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry on Monday, 5th March at 11.15am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to Vale Funeral Service. The family request black attire to be worn.

HUISH
Steve

Peacefully on 23rd February, Steve, much loved husband of the late Pauline. Loving father of Andrea, father-in-law of Stephen and grandfather to Lloyd

Will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at St John the Baptist Church, Llanblethian on Wednesday, 14th March at 12 noon, followed by interment. Family flowers only. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be sent to Y Bwthyn Newydd, Princess of Wales Hospital Bridgend.

JONES
Thelma

Helen, Andrew and Wynne would like to thank everyone for the cards and kind thoughts during mum's short illness. She passed away peacefully at Holme Tower Hospice in Penarth on 15th February. Special thanks to all the nursing staff and carers.

Thelma will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Cremation at Cardiff and Vale Crematorium on Thursday, 8th March at 1pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie.

TIERNEY
Peter

Peacefully on 21st February at Llandough Hospital, Peter, well known of Barry, a retired marine engineer and lifelong member of Sea View Labour Club. A beloved husband to the late Joan, much loved dad of Mark, Craig, Suzanne and Sean. A cherished Grampy Peter to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren, loving brother to Nora and Pat.

Peter will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday, 9th March at 4pm.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Peter's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages.

All donations to support RNIB or Marie Curie Hospice in memory of Peter.

WELLS
Becky

The family wish to announce the sad passing of Becky on 18th February. Aged 37 years, Becky was well known for her time as a photographer and teacher at St Cyres School, Penarth. A devoted partner to Lyndsey, cherished daughter of Phillip and Barbara, loving sister to Leigh.

Becky is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday, 9th March at 1pm.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support St Cyres School Pupil Support Fund in memory of Becky

In Memory

EVANS
Gaynor Mary *(née Stevens)*

3 March

In memory of a loving daughter and sister on this, your 70th Birthday.

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday.

Our love always, from Mum, Dad, Sylvia, Gerald and family xxx

GULWELL
Graham

4th March 2016

In loving memory of my dear husband Graham on 4th March 2016, two years have passed my love, miss you so much, thinking of you every day.

Love Dot & family xxx

TINTO
Rose

1st March 2014

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Tom would like to thank all those relatives, friends and neighbours who attended Alice's service at Barry Crematorium, and to those who sent cards and flowers. Your support was, and is, greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the staff at the Heath, Llandough and Velindre Hospitals for the care they gave Alice during her illness. Donations to Cancer Research and the Down's Syndrome Association were much appreciated. Reverend Lake delivered a moving service and Phil James of Fonmon, and his staff, deserve further thanks.

Also a thank you to the steward of the Sea View Labour Club for the use of the lounge bar, and to the staff who were more than helpful.

BIRNER
Angela Elizabeth (*née Rebane*)

Alf, Luschie, Abi and the family wish to thank everyone for the cards, donations and the kind heartfelt messages following the sudden loss of Angela, an amazing wife and phenomenal mother. We would also like to thank those who attended the funeral to celebrate Angela's life. It was extremely touching to see Angela's friends from throughout her life and to see how much you thought of her.

A special thanks to the nurses at Llandough Hospital for their kindness at such a difficult time and to Angela's friends at Barry Leisure Centre for raising money for Cancer Research Wales with hearts, roses and love.

In addition, we are so grateful to Father Kevin Lake and Rebecca and her team at A.G. Adams Funeralcare for their care, consideration and dedication to ensure the the service was a true celebration of Angela's life.

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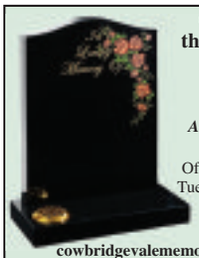

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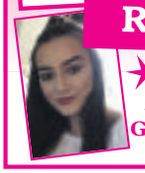

on 3rd March
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Please note the closing date for all applications is 13 March 2018

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Closing date Thursday 15th March 2018 at 12 noon. Interviews will be held on Thursday 22nd March.

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Public Notice

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Section 17 (5)
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An application has been made to Bridgend County Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) for a **PREMISES LICENCE** To permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises shown below.
Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of: Monday to Thursday 0830 to 1700 hours and Friday 0830 to 1630 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: www.bridgend.gov.uk.
Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below:
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It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction is £5,000.
(1) This must include details of activities, type of entertainment and appropriate days and times.

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Representations to this application may do so in writing to:- The Licensing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, or by e-mail to licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk not later than 28 days after the date of this notice. Representations received after this date will not be considered.
A copy of the application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application. The maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.
Signed: **Simon Griffiths**
Date: **23/02/2018**

EDWARD HOWELL ADAMS
(Deceased)
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of Cross Farm Pentre Meyrick Cowbridge CF71 7RN, who died on 25/12/2014, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 02/05/2018, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.
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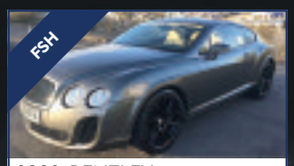

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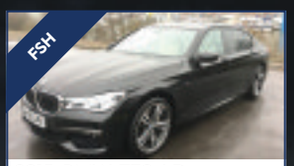

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16 16 BMW 320 D Sport Estate, BMW warranty July 2019, sat nav, DAB, privacy glass, 19k, white…… **£16995**
15 15 BMW 330 D M Sport XDRIVE 4dr automatic (313bhp), BMW warranty Sep 2018, pro nav, 19"alloys, 21k, choice, full leather…… **£18995**
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16 66 BMW 335d M Sport XDRIVE Estate automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2016, 19"alloys, sat nav, Harman kardon, 12k, estoril blue, full leather…… **£23995**
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11 11 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr automatic, sat nav, DAB, 19"alloys, black, full leather…… **£12995**
14 64 BMW 520 D Luxury 4dr, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, PDC front & rear, heated seats, met blue, full leather…… **£12495**
15 65 BMW 520 D M Sport Estate automatic (190bhp) BMW warranty Jan 2019,sat nav, DAB, black, full leather…… **£17495**
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13 13 BMW 640 DSE 2dr coupe automatic, 20"alloys, soft close doors, reverse camera, sat nav, 31k, blue, full leather…… **£19995**
15 65 BMW 640 D M Sport Gran Coupe 4dr automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, 19"alloys, 27k, silver, full leather…… **£24995**
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15 65 NISSAN NOTE 1.2 N-Tec 5dr, Nissan warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, reverse camera, 11k, white.....**£8495**
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Saints' stalemate with Rhoose

LEAGUE leaders St Athan and second place Rhoose played out a stalemate on a blustery afternoon next to the airport, but this was not a game that blew you away.

Saints made two changes from last week's fine win with Josh Harfoot and Kieran Ashton coming in.

Saints had the aid of the wind first half as it whipped off the adjacent runway and looked to use the advantage.

Bradley Young fired over from distance before Nathan Williams saw his effort tipped over. Rhoose came back and saw a break upfield resulting in a shot narrowly wide.

Saints pushed for the opener and the Rhoose keeper palmed away Aaron Rogers' effort before Karl Steel shot inches wide after good work from Ashton.

Rhoose came into the game knowing a win would take them top and saw two long range efforts off target.

St Athan sit top and a win would have strengthened their position as FC Barry Belgrade sat a mere five points behind with five games in hand.

Saints finished the half with Ashton firing wide and Nicky Cox lashing over after a good link up with Jordan Mortimore.

The second half saw Jake Sutch introduced as Saints looked to consolidate their position. Despite Rhoose now having the wind to their backs advantage it was Saints who created the best chance, breaking forward in a three on one opportunity but could not quite find that killer pass and the attack was quelled.

Rhoose began to see the chances come their way with long range efforts off target or well held by Saints keeper.

Rhoose then saw their best chance so far, as their midfielder sent a ball into the box from a central post up only for the forward to head it wide. St Athan came back with a succession of corners but couldn't find the way through.

Rhoose were then reduced to 10 men as their defender brought down Williams as he looked to burst into the box with what was deemed a reckless challenge and the red card was produced.

Mortimore then fired the resulting free kick over the bar before Williams fired well over minutes later.

Rhoose almost won it with the final kick as their forward raced away only to see his effort way off target.

So a first 0-0 from St Athan for many years, but a hard-earned point that keeps Saints top of the pile, but FC Barry Belgrade go three points behind after a 1-0 win over Barry Athletic with five games in hand.

St Athan: Andrews, Cox, Young, Mortimore, Laing, R Lewis, Williams, Ashton, Harfoot, Rogers, Steel. Substitutes: Sutch, Morris.

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Paul Lucas bagged a brace as St Athan B secured their first win in five, Craig Howells, Colin George and Sean Lucas notching the others in a game that saw keeper Rob West make his competitive debut, making a comeback following a broken wrist suffered in pre-season.

St Athan B: West, Burgess, Cleave, Morgans, Prior, Wolfe, Goodwin, S Lucas, Howells, P Lucas. Substitutes: C Pullum, H Pullum, G Richards, Whitelock, Everitt.

HD

Rusty Llantwit slip to defeat

AFTER suffering another break of three weeks without any competitive football due to unplayable ground conditions, Llantwit Major travelled to Caldicot for only their 14th league game of the season to date.

Llantwit had Anthony Rawlings, a recent acquisition from Port Talbot, make his debut up front and Mike Hartley a Llantwit Major boy, who was again previously with Port Talbot, made his first full start for the club in midfield.

Llantwit were slow out of the blocks, and were nearly a goal down after only two minutes when, from a corner, a Caldicot player had an early chance to score, but luckily for Llantwit his header went straight to Jack Lansdown in the Llantwit goal.

There was not too much action to write home about until the 18th minute when Caldicot were reduced to 10 men when their defender, who had earlier been booked, was shown a straight red card for a dangerous high tackle.

This, you would think, would give Llantwit the opportunity to now dominate proceedings, but we were still waiting to see a shot on target from either side and with no goalkeeper having to make a save, half-time arrived with the game still scoreless.

Llantwit did try and apply some early pressure at the start of the second half, but despite all their efforts Llantwit's approach work was very poor and it was not until around the 60th minute mark that Llantwit had a shot on target from around 30 metres out, which did not trouble the goalkeeper as it was straight at him.

However, in the 69th minute the game saw its first goal when the Llantwit defenders switched off and allowed a Caldicot player to square the ball across goal, only to see his fellow player scuff his shot and it end up in the corner of the net.

Two minutes later worse was to come for Llantwit when Caldicot were awarded a dubious penalty when a Caldicot player went to ground.

However, Jack Lansdown dived down low to his right to save the penalty kick and Llantwit's blushes.

Llantwit tried to get something out of the game, but despite all their efforts never looked like scoring.

This was a very poor display from Llantwit and if they intend to push for a promotion place they will need to play a lot better, starting this Saturday, March 3, when they are away to Aberdare.

DJ

Ireland show street smarts to defeat Wales

George North looked sharp when he came on.

Gareth Davies scored a fine try.

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Wales did do well in the aerial battle. Here, Hadleigh Parkes and Dan Biggar go up against Rob Kearney.
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However, it was soon back to Irish pressure. On 32 minutes, Sexton finally succeeded with a penalty and six minutes later, a long goal-line siege was ended when the Irish centre Aki stretched out his arm to get the touchdown after being held just short.

Sexton converted to make it 15–13 to Ireland at the break and Alun Wyn Jones was seen leaving the field in deep conversation with referee Jackson.

It seemed that Wales would surely get a grip on their legal problems and hence enjoy more possession in the second half – but Ireland had other ideas.

For almost the entire third quarter Ireland held on to the ball and simply refused to cough it up. It was mistake-free rugby, but not exactly exciting.

On 45 minutes, flanker Dan Leavy went over from close range for a converted try, and on 53 minutes it was more of the same, with Cian Healy wriggling over. This time, the conversion was missed but it was now 27–13 to Ireland and, it seemed, game over.

Then, 61 minutes in, Wales scored a try and it looked really quite simple. Biggar caught a high ball, Wales moved the ball wide to Steff Evans, and he kept it alive so that it could be moved back across field. Hadleigh Parkes saw the chance for a long pass to Navidi, who drew his man and put Aaron Shingler in for the try.

George North was brought on and was soon looking threatening. On one occasion, he took the Irish full back Rob Kearney on the outside, making the No 15 look pedestrian.

However, the Welsh fightback appeared to have stalled with five minutes to go when they were penalised. Sexton was in some discomfort (he would soon be replaced by Carberry) so Conor Murray showed that he can do more than kick out of hand by landing the three-pointer, making it 30–20 to Ireland.

However, Wales came straight back with another fine try. This was made by Scott Williams who created the overlap with an outside break, followed by a pass out of the back of his hand to the supporting Navidi, who once again drew his man to perfection and put Steff Evans in. Halfpenny's conversion made it 30–27, and the Irish crowd could scarcely believe their eyes.

It would have been an all-time great escape but, as the game entered the last two minutes, Gareth Anscombe, on as a replacement for Dan Biggar, tried one more long pass, but Irish wing Stockdale read it and sauntered over for a try that prompted Irish sighs of relief all round.

It's actually quite hard to take a message from this game. Surely Ireland will never again be that successful in terms of ball retention?

Wales had a cutting edge that Ireland lacked – but that was no good without a fairer share of the ball.

A final thought on TV summariser Gordon D'Arcy, who was intent on redefining the word 'unintentional'. The afore-mentioned kick by Rob Kearney was deemed intentional by the ref, who penalised him.

It happened again when centre Bundee Aki took his role as a decoy runner a little too far, running so hard into Gareth Davies that the Welsh scrum half required treatment. It was, said Gordon, "unintentional" although Mr Jackson once again blew for a penalty.

I see Gordon having a new career as a criminal defence barrister.

"Your honour, although the deceased received 12 knife wounds and six bullet wounds, and was indeed found in the River Liffey with his feet encased in concrete, my client ensures me that those injuries were all unintentional!"

Cowbridge ready for Canton test

HOW do you top the excitement and drama of last weekend's Six Nations matches?

Well, Cowbridge are playing Canton at the Athletic Ground this Saturday (weather permitting) and will be looking to emulate the six try victory against Old Penarthians a fortnight ago, consolidating third place in the league.

Canton currently lie seventh and although Cowbridge won comfortably 0-28 at Canton, this will be a tough fixture.

The visitors have had two impressive victories recently over Wattstown and Caerau Ely but Cowbridge were looking in fine form at Old Pens so the game should be a cracker.

As always, all support is appreciated - it was great to see so many supporters at Penarth which gave the boys a real boost.

As Wales are playing Italy on Sunday, March 11 (still places available on the club bus) we are playing the present second-placed Treherbert on March 10.

Finally, the under-12s are playing Builth Wells this Sunday in the quarter-final of the Blues Cup on the main pitch, kick-off 12 noon.

It would be great to see a big crowd there to cheer on the lads.

RV/RK

RESERVES DOMINATE WEAKENED OPPONENTS

LLANTWIT MAJOR reserves recorded their biggest win on Saturday as they played a sorry Barry Albion at Windmill Lane.

The away team travelled to Llantwit with only eight players, a disappointment as a close encounter was on the cards.

Llantwit started the demolition with a Stephen Phillips headed goal. Max Morgan, Chris Vinson and a Josh Morgan double all added to the scoresheet early as Llantwit pinned Albion in their own half.

An unfortunate own goal from a Lee Tracey header summed up the game in the first half as the numerical advantage took its toll on both teams as the game quickly died in intensity and quality.

Llantwit changed to three at the back in the second half which rapidly changed to just one as the Major were keen on more goals.

Mikey Gray, Lewis Brown, Adam Coyle, and Sam Mawhinney all came on with Brown immediately notching with a strong strike.

Moments later he was in action again as he whipped a low cross across the six yard box for Phillips to notch his second goal.

Goal-hungry Gethin Jennings added a brace with two tidy finishes and Max Morgan, again from six yards, proved his poaching ability with his 14th goal of the season.

Josh Morgan finally got his hat-trick to cap off a great performance for the striker, who unselfishly volunteered to fill in at centre back to allow Mawhinney to push forward in the quest for his first goal of the season.

After many attempts he couldn't find the net and the wait continues for the vice-captain.

Man of the match was awarded to Gethin Jennings.

Team: Roberts, Malton, Tracey, Grafton, Wrigley, Vinson, Jennings, Beattie, J Morgan, M Morgan, Phillips. Substitutes: Coyle, Gray, Brown, Mawhinney.

JT

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, February 20 a full programme of league matches was completed.

It was a great evening for the Red Lion Inn who won their first match of the season, beating the Farmers Arms 5-4.

This was one of a number of close games. The Edmondes A defeated the Victoria Inn, Edmondes B beating the Six Bells Inn and the Edmondes C beating the Hairy Farmers, all by a 5-4 scoreline.

Llanharry closed the gap at the top of the table by beating the One Town Hall Square 6-3. Lee Davies (Llanharry), Andy Bryan (Six Bells Inn) and Rob McCaver (Hairy Farmers) all hit 180s.

Other notable performances were Jake Warren (Victoria Inn) 104 out in a nine dart game, Oliver Ladbrooke-Davies (One Town Hall Square) 133 out and Paul Tasker (Hairy Farmers) 78 out.

Present league standings, after 14 weeks, are: Edmondes B (89 points), Llanharry (87), Six Bells Inn (74), Highwayman Inn (72), Hairy Farmers (69), Edmondes C (65), Edmondes A (61), Victoria Inn (59), Farmers Arms (49), One Town Hall Square (29) and Red Lion Inn (15).

Next week, Tuesday, March 6, a full programme of league matches is scheduled.

The Edmondes A hosts the Farmers Arms, the Highwayman Inn hosts the Edmondes B, the Edmondes C hosts Llanharry, the Six Bells Inn hosts the Victoria Inn and the One Town Hall Square hosts the Red Lion Inn. The Hairy Farmers have a bye.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

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Schmidt's possession rugby squeezes the life out of Wales *BY PHILIP IRWIN*

FOR people of around my age, a Saturday morning meant a trip to the local cinema to watch children's films, and one regular feature was the weekly cliff-hanging thriller – in my case it was *Captain Video*.

Each week our hero would be left in mortal peril, perhaps half way up a cliff, clinging on with one hand to a rope where the strands were breaking one by one. He was doomed.

Then, the following week you would take your seat and, without explanation, he would be standing at the top of the cliff, quite safe. A similar escape in the weekly comics would be accompanied by the all-purpose phrase, 'with one bound he was free!'

It was almost like that for Wales on Saturday.

Welsh fans went from a sense of despair to a sense of disbelief as Wales suddenly found a way into the game. Speaking personally, I had abandoned any professional detachment on the 55-minute mark, put aside my notebook and picked up a newspaper.

It was too painful to watch Ireland squeeze the life out of Wales.

The first half had been difficult, but amazingly, despite getting only about 30 per cent possession, Wales had led for more than 20 minutes.

The fact that Joe Schmidt's Ireland play a low risk game designed to retain possession was no surprise. The Ireland pack has no use for fripperies such as off-loads. They will keep on keeping on recycling through endless phases until they spot some lack of defensive organisation.

What made the first half even more one-sided in terms of possession was that Wales fell foul of New Zealand referee Glen Jackson. It's all about the difference in interpretation between Southern and Northern Hemisphere refs, apparently, and Ireland proved to be adept at reading Mr Jackson.

It had started well for Wales. They won the first aerial battle after a Dan Biggar high kick, gained a penalty and Leigh Halfpenny slotted the kick. Jonny Sexton soon had a chance to equalise for Ireland, but missed a pretty simple shot from 30-odd yards.

A few minutes later Sexton did the right thing, capitalising on a spell of Irish pressure close to the Wales try line with a long, fast, flat pass to left wing Stockdale to go over in the corner.

The Irish fly half did miss the conversion and then missed another straightforward penalty about 10 minutes later. Each kick had been pushed about two feet wide of the upright.

All this took place over a period of constant Irish pressure. The forwards were putting their heads down and making a few yards, while the main threat came from the two centres, Farrell and Aki, who were taking a longer run and entering the line at speed.

Eventually, Wales managed to get a hand on the ball and fed Scott Williams, who let fly with a long relieving kick. A good chase forced Sexton to kick for touch and suddenly Wales had a line out on the 22-metre line.

They won that line out and started a few phases of their own, with Shingler making good yards. Then, the ball was fumbled – but fortunately it went backwards – and scrum half Gareth Davies took advantage of some Irish defenders switching off to wind his way over close to the posts.

So, against the run of play – something of an understatement – Wales led 10 - 5.

Ireland continued to press but when Dan Biggar launched a high kick on 29 minutes, he and Rob Kearney contested it and Biggar won out. However, when they came down to earth, Kearney kicked the ball out of Biggar's hand and was penalised.

Gordon D'Arcy, the former Ireland centre, felt it was "unintentional" – but more of that later.

Halfpenny kicked the penalty and, remarkably, Wales had extended their lead.

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Josh Navidi prepares to put Steff Evans in for his try. All photos by the Huw Evans Agency.